

Fleishhacker and A Free Press

an editorial

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press . . ."

First amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

The Constitution, we Americans are taught, is the fundamental law of the land. But it seems that to some people, there is a mightier law—the law of the dollar. They cringe before its might and need but a whispered order to bow before its enforcement. We shall not name them all. We shall confine ourselves to the newspaper publishers in the State of California.

They who with shameless hypocrisy proclaim "the freedom of the press," and fight unionism in its name.

They are guilty of betraying the trust of millions of readers who read their papers with the implicit faith that they are obtaining the truth, "all the news that's fit to print," as the New York Times sardonically puts it.

Names make news, kids are taught in schools of journalism. But not the name of Herbert Fleishhacker when it is linked to a scandal that smells to the skies. Mr. Fleishhacker, don't you know, is a great philanthropist thanks to whose generosity bears and hyenas romp in the enclosures of the Fleishhacker Zoo.

Who Pays for the Lions Lunch?

What does it matter if the money that pays for the lion's lunch may be gotten through fraud and misrepresentation at

worst, and through the sweat of thousands of working men at best?

The lily-white News of San Francisco, the righteous Times of Los Angeles, the honorable Hearst press would not touch the Fleishhacker suit.

For not only is Mr. Fleishhacker a great philanthropist, but he is also a director in the Dollar and Admiral Steamship Lines, in the Pan-American Airways, Inc. And these firms are big newspaper advertisers and it would not do to offend Mr. Fleishhacker. He is vice-president of the Del Monte Properties, director of the Los Angeles Union Terminal. And these firms are big newspaper advertisers and it would not do to offend Mr. Fleishhacker.

Mr. Fleishhacker is a banker and newspapers bank their money, they need loans, and it is very difficult to avoid one of Mr. Fleishhacker's banks. And it would not do to offend Mr. Fleishhacker.

NOT A PAPER IN CALIFORNIA DARED OFFEND HIM!

There you have the state of the "freedom of the press."

If these papers dared not offend Mr. Fleishhacker in this instance that has come to light, how many more instances have remained in darkness? If they bowed to him in this "personal" matter, would they not readily bow to him in matters of public policy vital to masses of people?

Is Your Name Fleishhacker?

Such a press is not to be trusted unless your name is Fleishhacker. If your name is not Fleishhacker, you must look to another paper.

Only THE WESTERN WORKER dared expose the sensational details of the Fleishhacker trial. It is not touched by his philanthropy, nor awed by his power, nor subsidized by his money.

It is a people's champion, deriving its support from the people, having no other obligations than to serve the interests of the great mass of people. Such a paper can dare tell the truth for truth is on the side of the people.

It is this voice we wish to strengthen by publishing the Western Worker as a daily on January 1 and thereafter. This will increase its strength manifold on the side of truth, on the side of happiness and prosperity for the great mass of people.

It needs YOUR support. Mr. Fleishhacker, Mr. Hearst, Mr. Lapham and all the other enemies of the people will not support it. It needs YOUR support.

Won't you give it today?

To Build a stronger people's voice of truth I give

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Anita Whitney Announced as Candidate of Communists For San Francisco Supervisor

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SAN FRANCISCO — Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party, will be the sole candidate of the Party in the San Francisco city election November 7, it was announced this week by the county campaign committee.

Her petition was filed Monday, after last minute rulings of election officials had ruled out the candidacy of Sam Jaye, secretary of Culinary Alliance Local 110, on a technicality. Other candidates tentatively announced several weeks ago by the County Committee had already withdrawn, acting in accordance with the party's program of support to candidates who will be put

forward by the Honest Government Committee.

These candidates were Bill Schneiderman, state secretary; and Oleta O'Conner, county chairman.

"My campaign will be based on the four-point program already announced by our Party," Comrade Whitney told the Western Worker. "At the same time the entire campaign will be directed toward building unity with all progressive forces who have an interest in fighting the high cost of living and the ruinous subway bonds, in defending labor against the proposal for a new and more vicious anti-picketing ordinance and in aiding the establishment of honest government by prosecution of city officials and others revealed as connected with the graft ring."

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BECK AIDES FACE INDICTMENT

Fleishhacker Charged With Shady Oil Deal

SOLD LAND TO HIMSELF, CLIENTS SAY

Kept Value of Property Secret From Owners, Testimony Contents

By HARRY BARTON

Herbert Fleishhacker, millionaire member of the Committee of 43 which is behind the present waterfront embargo, is accused of a million dollar oil land swindle in a legal case pending in Los Angeles.

The suit charges that he used his position as trustee agent for the Lazard and Cahn families of Paris to lease valuable oil lands owned by these clients to a corporation controlled by himself, while he told them that the property was good only for farming.

According to testimony, the Lazards were paid \$300 an acre, less than the price of good farm land, for valuable oil properties in Lost Hills Field.

The deal was uncovered in 1930 when Fleishhacker was engaged in leasing Kern County properties, belonging to the Lazards, to Indian Petroleum and other oil companies. Fleishhacker informed his clients that the land had been investigated for petroleum and was found to be barren.

Upon independent investigation, the two families discovered that the properties lay between the Kettleman Hills Petroleum field and the North Belridge Field.

That the Indian Petroleum Company was a close corporation in which Fleishhacker had a big interest.

These facts were accidentally uncovered after the death of Thibault Cahn, member of the Lazard family, for whom Fleishhacker held the power of attorney. To lease the oil lands, Fleishhacker had to obtain powers of attorney from Cahn's heirs. When negotiations were begun, Etienne Lang, Cahn's nephew, examined the pending leases.

Lang related that he discussed the circumstances of these leases with a cousin, Mr. David-Weill, who was handling the correspondence between Fleishhacker and the Lazard and Cahn families.

Discover Choice Location

"I asked him to let me see the file of correspondence with Mr. Fleishhacker. I inspected that correspondence. I inspected my oil and gas magazine that I had in Paris," he continued.

"In two or three days later I went back to my cousin and showed him that these properties were located right between Kettleman Hills and North Belridge where important developments had been made in the past few months."

"I also pointed out to him that in spite of the requests"

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AFL Heads Aid Hearst Attack on Guild

LOS ANGELES — American Federation of Labor officials have allied themselves with William Randolph Hearst here in a company union move against the CIO American Newspaper Guild. Charging the AFL has moved to set up a dual and company union, the local Guild chapter announced last Saturday it would immediately file a petition with the National Labor Relations Board for an election on the editorial staff of Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner.

A resolution was passed at a membership meeting of the Guild last Friday night linking J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council with the publishers of the Herald-Express and Examiner, in collaboration to form a company union. The resolution was to be presented to the CIO Industrial Council and all unions. Action was taken when it was reported Buzzell had been conferring with Examiner executives and had set up a desk in the editorial offices, where an attempt is being made to sign up the reporters.

Forced to Flee From Bombed Homes



A CROWD OF Chinese men, women and children in Shanghai waiting in the streets to be admitted to the International Settlement. Four hundred others, fleeing on a refugee train, were killed by bombs from Japanese planes.

RED ARMY OF CHINA GAINS

Japanese Install German Siege Artillery

SHANGHAI — China's famed Red Army, now known as the Eighth Route Army, was driving back the Japanese invaders early this week in a powerful offensive launched in the northwest province of Shansi, according to news dispatches reaching here.

The army was being led into battle by their famed commander Chu Teh. It had allowed the Japanese to make advances and spread its forces before launching the counter offensive.

New German Guns

The news arrived as the Japanese were launching new aerial raids, striking not only at military bases but at the civilian population of China. Big 14-inch German Krupp siege guns, mounted on the Yangtze banks, began a bombardment of Chinese lines around Shanghai.

Japanese claimed their siege guns were inflicting severe damage to Chinese lines. It was known, however, that the Japanese were holding fast and that Japanese attempts to advance showed the barrage were losing heavily from exploding Chinese mines.

The wide scale use of German equipment recalled again the famed German-Japanese pact "against Communism," widely recognized as a pact against China and against all countries having interests in China.

Bomb Nanking Again

Thirty Japanese planes, defying the condemnation of Japanese cities by the League of Nations advisory committee, carried out a new attack on Nanking, China's capital. Japanese flaunted their intent to destroy this "base of Chinese resistance."

In the space of 24 hours the Japanese had bombed six Chinese cities. A Japanese submarine had completely annihilated a Chinese fishing fleet near Hongkong.

California Churches Hit Japan Atrocities

SAN FRANCISCO — The Federated Council of Churches of Christ was petitioned here by its Northern California Organization to initiate a move among all Christians "protesting in the name of God and humanity atrocities committed by Japanese militarists against defenseless Chinese civilians."

The appeal was sent by telegram and signed by the Rev. Paul H. Buchholz, executive secretary of the California Church Council, northern area.

HAVE YOU VOTED?

Not later than October 1, every unit and branch of the Communist Party must have voted on the day's pay question—the most vital question in the drive to build a daily Western Worker. Vote now and send in your returns to the State Drive Committee. Incomplete returns as of Sept. 25th follow:

	Per Cent In Favor
San Bernardino	100.0
Sacramento	100.0
Merced	100.0
Santa Barbara	100.0
Eureka	100.0
Sonoma	100.0
Fort Bragg	100.0
Training School	97.6
Santa Clara	93.7
San Mateo	89.2
Monterey	88.8
San Francisco	88.7
San Diego	85.0
Alameda	81.3
Los Angeles	74.3
Total Per Cent	82.9

No returns received from Stockton, Tulare, Fresno, Contra Costa and Bakersfield.

Editor to Speak In Fete for 20th USSR Birthday

LOS ANGELES — The Olympic Auditorium, largest indoor arena in this city with a seating capacity of 12,000, will be the scene of a meeting to hear Clarence A. Hathaway, editor-in-chief of the New York Daily and Sunday Worker, on November 7.

The Communist Party, in making the announcement, said that this celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union will be the largest and most colorful meeting ever held under its auspices in Los Angeles proper.

AFL Figure

Hathaway is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, having held important party posts throughout the country. He stems from Minnesota originally where he was an active and leading figure in the Farmer-Labor Party and the American Federation of Labor. Prior to his appearance here he will speak in San Francisco's Dreamland Auditorium on Nov. 6, and in Oakland's Municipal Auditorium Theatre on Nov. 5.

Hathaway and Dunne In Seattle

SEATTLE — Clarence Hathaway and William F. Dunne, state secretary of the Communist Party in Montana, will be the chief speakers at a Russian Revolution anniversary in the Northwest's largest assembly hall, Seattle's Civic Auditorium, on Nov. 10. Hathaway will speak in Seattle after an engagement in Portland on November 9.

SOVIET UNION WARNS JAPAN

League Advisory Group Condemns Air Raids

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union sharply warned Japan against its "lawless bombardment" of Nanking in a note to the Japanese government.

The Soviet action, which said that "impossible conditions have been created by actions of Japanese military authorities, for the normal fulfillment of their functions by the Soviet consulates general at Tientsin and Shanghai and the consulate at Shanghai," was handed to Japan shortly after the Soviet Union had received an appeal from China asking that all possible measures be taken to end the bombardments.

The Soviet Union condemned the Japanese suggestion that the Soviet Embassy in Nanking be evacuated as utterly contrary to international law and unprecedented in international relations. It charged that "some Japanese military powers" were clearly planning to bombard the embassy and then place responsibility on Chinese shoulders.

League of Nations Condemns Japan's Action

The League of Nations advisory committee in session here denounced Japan's bombardment of Chinese cities and declared that "no excuse can be made for such acts, which have aroused horror and indignation throughout the world."

The text of the statement was prepared by delegates of Latvia, England and the Soviet Union, with England joining the Soviet Union and France in urging its immediate adoption. "If we close our eyes we would be failing in our duty," said Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos of France.

Maxim Litvinov, speaking on the adoption of the declaration, urged that recognition be made of other Japanese forms of attack as well as the aerial bombardments.

The United States was represented in an advisory capacity by Leland Harrison, ambassador to Switzerland.

AW Asks Meeting to Discuss Settling of Strike at Northrop

LOS ANGELES — The United Auto Workers Local 229, in a letter signed by Charles Hollinshead last week, asked the Northrop Aircraft Co. for a meeting to discuss settlement of the strike at Northrop under the existing contract still in effect with Local 229. Douglas Aircraft, parent firm, refused to meet with the union representatives.

Oakland Drivers Band to Oppose Dictatorial Rule

CIO Presents Criminal Charges Against Teamster Czars; East Bay Men Resist Embargo

SAN FRANCISCO — As Teamster czars faced indictment in federal courts in San Francisco, their hold on their membership in Teamsters Local 70, Oakland, slipped badly. Rank and file teamsters meeting Monday night resolved to "stick together," announced President Cliff Lester, who

LONGSHOREMEN SUPPORTED BY SEATTLE BODY

Maritime District Council Condemns Goon Tactics Of Team Officials

SEATTLE, Wash. — Last Friday night's meeting of the Seattle District Council of the Maritime Federation brought repeated attacks on the splitting policies of reactionaries.

Resolutions supporting Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union against the Teamster officials, and also condemning the beating of John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, by Teamster officials' goons, were almost unanimously passed.

Condemn Dore

A motion by Francis of the Marine Engineer's Beneficial Assn. that the District Council pledge to support each component organization against attacks from outside organizations, was passed unanimously.

A resolution by Gene Dore of the Inland Boatmen, condemning Mayor Dore of Seattle for siding with Dave Beck and the Teamsters officials was also passed. The resolution called on the U. S. District Attorney to take steps to compel Dore to conduct himself in keeping with his oath of office.

Oppose Dual Unionists

A resolution by Burt Nelson of the longshoremen, opposing the attempt of certain ex-officers of the ILA and the Maritime Federation to "reorganize" these bodies, was also passed nearly unanimously.

The District Council heard an excellent report from the Boatmen, who told how their referendum is going almost 90 percent for affiliation with the Intl. Woodworkers of America and the CIO.

The council reaffirmed its stand on boycotting Japanese goods.

Labor Unity Meet Asked by Seattle AFL Metal Council

SEATTLE — A national unity convention of all labor unions, is asked in a resolution adopted by the AFL Seattle Metal Trades Council for submission to the American Federation of Labor convention starting in Denver on October 4. The resolution states: "Whereas, There is in existence a situation confronting organized labor in America which is causing a division into two opposing groups; and

"Whereas, National leaders have made no progress toward healing this breach, and

"Whereas, National Laws have been enacted favorable to organized labor and further empowering labor to organize, now therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a National Convention be called asking representation from all local unions of organized labor regardless of affiliation, with the purpose of bringing about a complete unity of the organized labor movement in the United States."

is still considered Local 70 president despite his ousting by international officials, and to stick behind the program adopted last Friday night. They will meet regularly every Friday.

Their resolution unanimously adopted declared "the members of Local 70 Brotherhood of Teamsters & Auto Truck Drivers go on record as being opposed to the action being taken by the officials" in the blockade against the Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and demanded "an immediate secret referendum vote on this and all other stoppages of work."

They further declared they would picket the Draymen's Assn. unless permitted to return to work immediately. Sixteen Teamster officials were named in 40 affidavits filed by the Committee for Industrial Organization with U. S. District Attorney Honessy last Monday, charging illegal interference with the right to organize and asking federal indictments under Section 19, U. S. Criminal Code, used in Harlam, Ky.

The indictments are asked under the federal civil rights statute of 1875 which makes it a felony for two persons or more "to conspire to deprive any American citizen of rights guaranteed him under the United States constitution or statutes."

"These affidavits," declared CIO Attorney I. Richard Gladstein, "show a coastwide conspiracy to create widespread fear among workers to prevent them from freely choosing their collective bargaining agent, under the terms of the Wagner Act, the affidavits cover the period from July 20 to September 25, 1937, and involve physical assaults, provocative displays and blackjacks, baseball bats and machine guns in some instances. "One of the affidavits is from a woman not immediately concerned but who witnessed beatings and a shooting by beef squads."

"The conspiracy covers San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties and the San Joaquin Valley."

Judges Accused Gladstein told Honessy that various law enforcement officials in the several counties had taken no action to prevent this gangsterism, and officials had failed to issue warrants, including four San Francisco municipal judges.

Honessy said he would "go into the matter very thoroughly," and would submit the investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He assigned Deputy Robert McWilliams to the case.

On the San Francisco waterfront, the Teamster officials were forced to abandon their city-wide "holiday" of Teamsters and mass picketing on the docks, as conducted last Friday and Saturday.

Only 300 to 400 teamsters appeared on the docks Monday morning. Appearing with a sound truck, Joseph Casey, Teamster czar, attempted to debate with Henry Schmidt, Longshoremen's president. At one (Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

Anita Whitney to Speak Over Radio On C. P. Platform

Honest Government Committee Endorses James B. McSheehy, George Anderson As Candidates for Supervisor

SAN FRANCISCO — The Communist Party, with its branches and neighborhood centers already popularizing its four-point election platform, will go before the public at large via radio Tuesday, Oct. 5. Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, and Chairman of the State Committee of the Communist Party will be the spokesmen. The station will be KGO, the time 5:45 to 6 p.m. The talk was previously announced for another station, then shifted.

Whitney is the sole candidate of the Party in the coming election, others having withdrawn in favor of cooperation with the candidates of the Honest Government Committee. Her coming talk will be one of two broadcasts to present the Party's election campaign platform calling for:

1. Prosecution of those implicated in the Atherton graft investigation, and exposure of all city hall officials involved.
2. Defeat of the proposed anti-picketing ordinance and defense of the civil rights of labor.
3. Defeat of the subway bonds. For a new financing plan placing the cost on those who can afford to pay. Opposition to increased taxes for lower income groups.
4. A campaign against the high cost of living, including the establishment of a housing authority to take advantage of federal housing grants.

Honest Government Committee Names Two Candidates

James B. McSheehy, incumbent, and Labor Attorney George Anderson, were named candidates of the Honest Government Committee for supervisor last week after extensive questioning of those already filed. The questioning continues, with the slate to be completed this week.

McSheehy's record has been consistently progressive," announced Campaign Director Hal Dunleavy. "He introduced the resolution last February which placed the ordinance to remove the anti-picket statute on the ballot. McSheehy's position was and is opposed to the subway bonds. He voted only to place the bond issue before the voters, but objects to the financing plan."

George Anderson is a well-known labor attorney.

Mass Meeting Against New Anti-Picket Proposal

More than forty trade union delegates attended the conference initiated by Honest Government Committee to prepare for a mass meeting against the proposed anti-picketing ordinance. The meeting was shifted from Sept. 29 to October 10, and will be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The Committee last week reaffirmed its position of readiness to cooperate with all labor forces to defeat the law, and its campaign will supplement that of the Labor Council's already announced campaign. Both AFL and CIO spokesmen will be on the platform. The completed slate of the Honest Government Committee will be presented for ratification.

Communists Popularize Platform and Candidate

Meanwhile branches and neighborhood centers of the Communist Party extended the Party's campaign of progressive unity. The following meetings were scheduled under Party auspices:

Sept. 30—Thursday, Twentieth Assembly District Branch, open mass meeting at headquarters, 779 Vallejo Street, 8 p.m. Speaker, Alfred Guard, on "The Communist Party and the Coming Municipal Election."

Oct. 3, Sunday—Open forum at 22nd Assembly District headquarters, 2109 Geary Street, 8 p.m.

Regular street meetings will North Beach areas on Saturday be instituted in the Fillmore and nights. The campaign will be discussed in its various phases Sunday afternoons, 1:30 p.m., in Jefferson Park.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town. Shop or Neighborhood!

A JUDGE WHO SAW IT THE OTHER WAY

Injunction Calls Anti-Picket Law Illegal

INDIANAPOLIS—An injunction believed to be unique in the annals of organized labor was granted by Judge Omar O'Harrow of Morgan county circuit court at Martinsville, near here.

Handing down a declaratory judgment in favor of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Judge O'Harrow declared the anti-picketing ordinance of the city unconstitutional on the grounds that it prohibits free speech and assembly. He issued a perpetual injunction against Martinsville officials and the Artesian Processing Co., prohibiting interference with peaceful and lawful hosiery organizing activities on the grounds that such interference would be a violation of the rights of workers

under the Wagner Act.

The hosiery workers petitioned for the decree after Walter Truman, organizer, was threatened with \$300 fine and 60 days in jail if he persisted in distributing circulars showing the union scale for hosiery workers. The Artesian Processing Co. is a runaway plant from Indianapolis.

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Red Tape Trimmed For Aged Pensions

SACRAMENTO — California's Social Welfare Board announced here that it would ease the tremendous amount of red tape required for aged people to qualify for pensions.

Reason given was not that the lengthy questionnaire, longer than that of any other state, constituted a serious obstacle to the aged, but that its use required an excess of clerical work. Not wishing to employ more, the board faced loss of federal funds for inability to clear the applications 90 days after filing.

Fallacy Shown

When an employer is forced to raise wages, the Federation's conservative figures show, he retaliates by squeezing more work out of each worker. This latter process is accomplished by the time-honored methods of speed-up of machinery, rationalizing of movements, shaving down of the

lunch period, etc. Although the boss is compelled to pay more for his labor power, by exploiting that power more intensively he succeeds in keeping the cost of production remarkably uniform. Here are the AFL's figures for 8 industries compiled from data of the Federal Reserve Board and the U. S. Department of Labor. The increase is from first half 1935 to first half 1937.

Weekly Wage	Per Cent Increase	Per Cent Decrease	Per Cent No Change
Steel	48	36	4
Cotton Goods	21	28	4
Cement	31	25	2
Shoes	9	18	2
Petroleum Refining	20	18	1
Rubber Tires	18	14	2
Automobiles	19	10	2
Meat Packing	18	7	1

As can be seen in the case of these eight industries, al-

F. R. RENEWS PLEDGES ON OBJECTIVES

Rebukes Those Who Give 'Lip Services Only' to New Deal Promises

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Saying that the purpose of his cross-country trip is "to keep in personal touch with the point of view of the rank and file American people," President Roosevelt paused here and at Fort Casper to deliver speeches.

The presence of the conservative Senator O'Mahoney, foe of the defeated court reform plan, in the welcoming group at Cheyenne and on the President's train across the state was a source of surprise to many.

In his speeches the President dealt mainly with the extent and social value of public works construction but skirted around the burning questions of America's foreign policy and of the Supreme Court reform.

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Wheeler Not Up for Re-election for 4 Years

Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, Democratic renegade to the supreme court opposition, stated that the President would "not conceivably take up the court issue again." When asked if he feared reprisals for his opposition to Roosevelt in the last session of Congress, Wheeler pointed out that he will not come up for re-election for four years. It was expected, significantly, that Montana's Progressive Congressman Jerry O'Connell, would be on hand when the special train arrives there.

The presidential party spent the week-end in Yellowstone National Park before proceeding to Seattle.

WALLACE SAYS HE SEEKS PARITY IN FARMERS' INCOME

WASHINGTON — Parity income instead of parity prices for the farmer, to assure him the same proportional share of the national income which he received for the five years before the World War, will be the aim of the new 1938 soil conservation program, according to Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace.

For example, a farmer relying solely on cotton or any other one crop for his income would be urged to devote part of his farm to some other crop in order that the balancing of prices might be accomplished for the individual as well as the region.

Regional Basis

Such a goal, according to Wallace, will be sought on regional rather than crop terms. He said it had been found impracticable to determine what constitutes parity income for a cotton farmer, a wheat farmer or a producer of a single crop whereas it can be decided with some accuracy what constitutes parity income for any one region of the United States.

Control over the farm prices to be sought, he said, will be sought through the soil conservation program which followed the outlawed AAA. Under the terms of the soil conservation program the administration pays the farmer to withhold acreage from production in order to conserve the soil.

Formerly the farmer was paid to withhold acreage from production in order to reduce production but the Supreme Court objected on the grounds that payments amounted to coercion.

The 1938 soil conservation program envisions a retirement from cultivation of between 15,000,000 and 30,000,000 acres planted to cash crops this year and the establishment of county, state and national acreage goals to which farmers will be asked to conform.

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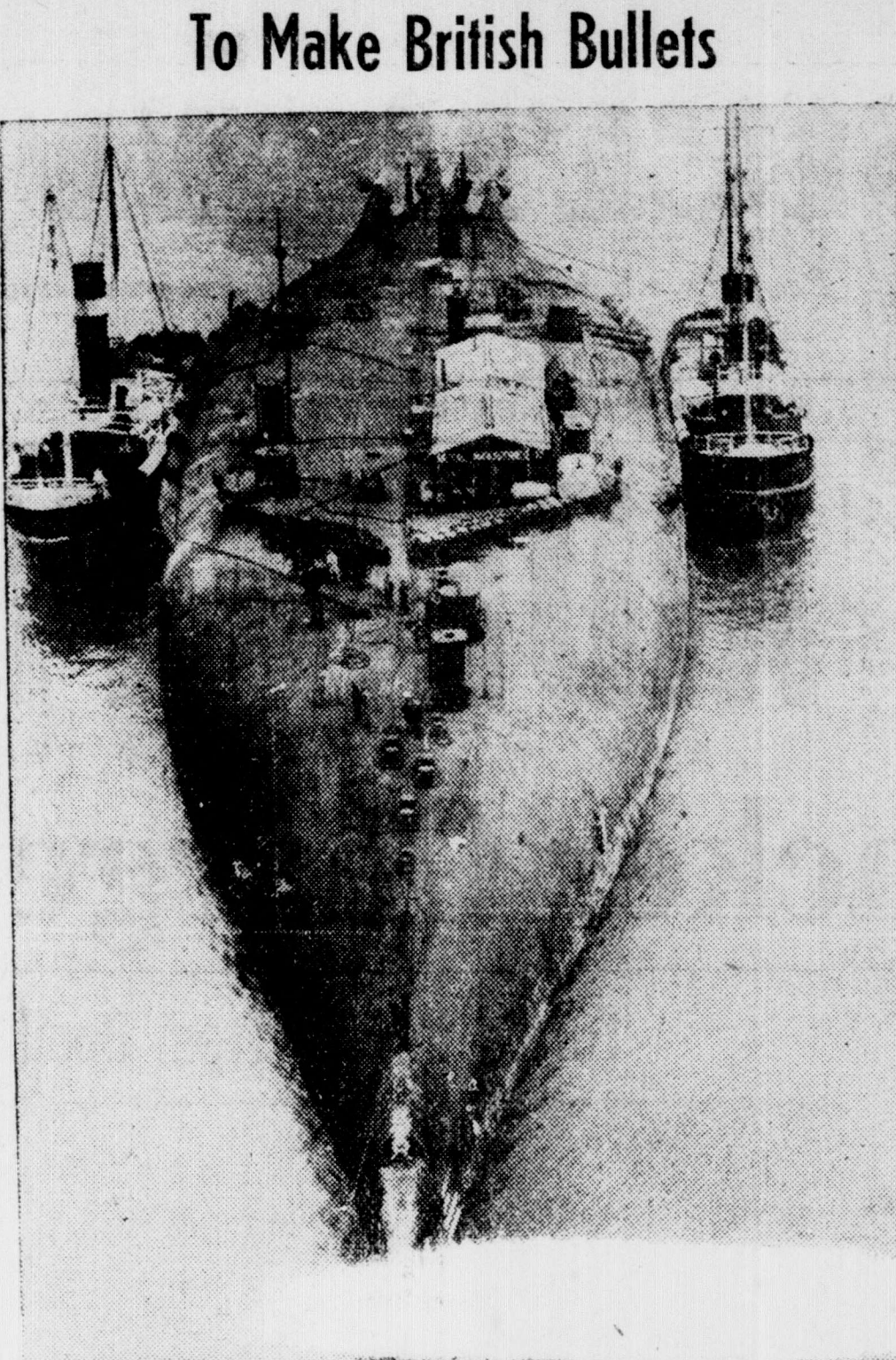
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The hull of Friedrich der Grosse, German warship scuttled by its crew after the surrender at Scapa Flow during the World War, is towed, keel up, to Rosyth, England, to be broken up for supplies in Britain's huge rearmament program.

RESEARCH SHOWING WAY TO END MENACE OF SILICOSIS

Gauley Bridge Tragedy Recalled by Experiments With Dust

Silicosis can be prevented. The ghastly tragedy of Gauley Bridge, W. Va., which shocked the nation when it broke into print in 1935 and added impetus to labor's drive for healthy working conditions, need not be repeated. Mine, quarry and tunneling workers need no longer be sacrificed

Formidable Disease

Hundreds died at Gauley Bridge. Hundreds more are dying, denied work, denied even relief in many instances. The annual toll of life and health taken by this occupational disease runs into uncounted thousands. Now that these tentative conclusions have been reached, no further time must be lost.

Provisions must be made for the extension of the silicosis investigation in this country, and for the testing of the powdered aluminum cure upon infections caused by every type of siliceous substances. A beginning has been made, and only a determined and energetic public campaign is now needed to make the powdered aluminum defense against silicosis as conventional for dust-exposed workers as the safety lamp is for the miner.

Preventive medicine can protect labor again occupational disease, if only it is permitted to. The development of anti-silicosis research in Canada, after the great suffering caused by the disease in the U. S., is a powerful argument for a Natl. Department of Health and Preventive Medicine.

Use Powdered Aluminum

Then another set of rabbits was subjected to the same atmospheric conditions. But these animals were protected against the tiny dust particles. With them, they also inhaled particles of finely powdered aluminum. And the chemical reaction which resulted from contact between the silica and the powdered aluminum enabled the animals to resist the infection and to remain in normal health.

The investigation has not yet been completed and of course it has not yet begun on humans. But this is the classic and reliable method of medical research, and preventives developed through research with animals have, of course, worked with sensational success on human beings: diphtheria and yellow fever are cases in point. And no doubt exists any longer that powdered solution is able to protect the lungs against silicosis.

LaFollette Asks Taxes on Wealthy For Relief Money

MADISON, Wis.—The Wisconsin legislature, called into special session by Gov. Philip F. LaFollette to find \$3,000,000 for emergency relief, has before it an inheritance surtax, a 30 per cent surtax on gifts, and technical adjustments in tax procedure.

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Labor Not to Blame for Prices

AFL Figures Show Rises Out of Proportion to Wage Bill

Captains of industry usually give as an excuse for increasing prices the argument that rising wages are shoving up the cost of production.

On the occasion of the recent milk price increase of 1 cent in San Francisco, the Retail Milk Drivers Association of this city gave as the chief cause of the increase, the raise in wages of the milk drivers. So the argument runs: "If greedy organized labor is successful in winning higher wages then you dear consumers must simply suffer for the fact."

The fallacy of this excuse is laid bare by hard and cold figures in the August-September "Monthly Survey of Business" of the American Federation of Labor.

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As can be seen in the case of these eight industries, al-

Negroes in L. A. Continue Boycott Of Kress Stores

'California Eagle' Aids Injunctions of Court by Attacking Pickets Who Demand Negro Employment

By FRANK JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES—The problem of getting S. H. Kress and Company to hire 50 per cent Negroes in its Central Avenue Store located at 4415 South Central, in the heart of the Negro area, is still not settled.

The "good judge" Harry in junction restraining picketing when the Kress management complained that it was losing 75 per cent of the Negro trade due to the picketing. Pettis Perry, Organizer of the Goodyear Section of the Communist Party, received a suspended sentence, but many developments have happened since this.

The National Negro Congress with headquarters at 1158 E. 12th Street, has felt the pulse of the Negro people in regard to the 'lily-white' policy of the Kress Store which has about 90 per cent Negro patronage. Ninety per cent of the Negroes contacted pledged to withhold their patronage until the Kress Company does employ 50 per cent Negro sales clerks.

History of the Case

From the beginning of this case of trying to get some of the Negro people out of the W.P.A. bread-line, or off relief, some Negroes believed that the Kress situation would soon be settled and Negro girls would be given a chance to work here as clerks as they do at Woolworth and Thriftys. Some believed also that since Leon H. Washington, publisher of the Sentinel, had campaigned and won some concessions from this store in regards to the Negro people this would be decided in their favor. Then too since the Kress Co. does not subsidize Negro newspapers like the Shaw Administration does by advertising in them, it was believed that the city's best known Negro publisher, Mrs. Charlotte A. Bass, would lend a helping hand by practicing what she preaches in regards to saving the Negro people.

From the very beginning Mrs. Bass prepared the way and opened her newspaper doors to the Kress Company and invited it in.

Mrs. Bass Again

In the California Eagle for September 2 the Kress management distorted the facts of the case, as it did in court, by running an advertisement as though it was news. That is, the "adv." was in very small print. The news advertisement ran like this:

"It has been publicized throughout the Central Avenue district that our colored help are underpaid, are overworked, that they work in a sweat shop, that they are employed doing basement work or stockroom work exclusively, etc. None of these statements are borne out by facts. Our colored employees receive exactly the same treatment that is accorded to our white employees. There is no discrimination as to color." Later on this appeared:

"If there is any discrimination being shown against colored employees it exists not in the minds of the employees themselves, or the public generally, but it is a creation only in the minds of agitators desiring to stir up trouble and in the minds of a few who are attempting to secure personal gain in their effort to create discord."

The Kress Company is paying Mrs. Bass a few pennies earned from the Negro people to publish these lies. The same batch of lies appeared the next day in the Pacific Clipper, another Negro paper, and the following day in the California Supplement of the Chicago Defender.

A Female Uncle Tom

In the September 16 issue of the California Eagle appeared a letter from the Negro people to go slow and have mercy on the Kress Company for the Kress Company is a good company that has been nice to her and her people by giving them work in stores located in 'lily-white' neighborhoods. In her conclusion she warned Negroes to go easy for fear the Kress Company might get mad and kick out all the Negroes, even more, as it said, the company threatens to move out of the Black Belt.

Mrs. Bass may defend herself by saying that she was neutral since the Eagle for September 9 published a letter from Perry, and when the picketing first began appeared a picture of the picket line decorated by those guardians of private business, the policemen, taken by George Manuel, staff photographer, whom Mrs. Bass was just to give him the experience. But both the letter by Perry and the labor photo were published only because of pressure, for Mrs. Bass admitted that her paper was out to make money. That is, her paper could not be bothered with the Negro people, as far as helping them was concerned, for her paper had to grow.

Role of Misdemeanors

Her role, therefore, in the

Candidates Will Be Quizzed for Attitude on C. S.

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Conference Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act will campaign against every state legislator who voted against repeal of the act at the last session of the legislature.

The executive board also voted at its recent meeting in San Francisco, all candidates for state office will be asked to make public pledge that they will work for repeal of the act.

Soviet Peoples Prepare to Vote Under New Constitution

CITIZENS JOIN STUDY CLUBS TO PROBE LAW

Elections to Pick Supreme Law-Making Body. Delegates to All Soviets

MOSCOW — Every Soviet worker and peasant is now busily preparing to cast a secret ballot in the coming November elections under the new Constitution.

The people are plunging into the preparations for learning the what, why, and how of their functions as voters with extraordinary intensity.

Everywhere, in farms, offices, factories, schools, and homes they are studying the new Socialist Constitution and the operation of the election laws. To this end an elaborate apparatus has been made available by the State.

In Moscow alone there already have been formed 15,000 pre-election clubs and societies to guide and instruct the people in their new duties as citizens. There are 600 such clubs in a single ball-bearing plant employing 25,000 workers, and in one section of this city the number of clubs increased last week from 6 to 124 so that before the elections there may be 50,000 or more in the province.

DURANTY REPORTS
Walter Duranty, reporting to the New York Times from Moscow, declares that there is similar activity going on throughout the whole country. The Times correspondent says "there is no doubt that the authorities intend the strict letter of the Constitution gives the right to any legal organization of workers—such, for instance as a collective farm—to nominate anyone who is not insane or has not been formally deprived of his civil rights."

The elections coincide with the celebration of the October Socialist Revolution, and preparation for both events is the dominant note now throughout the nation.

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Other Affairs

San Francisco

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Mass meeting, fighting Flaherty Brothers, Lincoln Brigade, Wed., Oct. 6, Irish-American Hall, 458 Valencia St. Ausp. Friends of Lincoln Brigade.

Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall, 110 Page St. Adm., 49c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

Los Angeles

Whoopie! Keep this date open. Oct. 3, Press Fair and Carnival, Verdugo Country Club.

Mass meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p. m., Oct. 13th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers. Auspices Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Tickets on sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI. 7926.

East Bay

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium, November 5th 8 p. m.

Mexican Cotton Farmers Approve Cardenas Policy

President of Mexico Also Honored By Grateful Ambassador of Spanish Republic

COAHUILA, Mexico—On the twentieth of this month, thousands of jubilant cotton farmers in the Mexican states of Coahuila and Durango took part in a parade celebrating the big land distribution carried out in this region last year by President Cardenas.

The president, in his annual message to Congress earlier in the month, made a special report on these agrarian measures. He stated that in the 33 months that have passed under the present administration, approximately 24 million acres (9,764 hectares) of land have been distributed to 565,216 peasants in 5,956 cooperative communities (ejidos).

Now there are 10,631 cooperative communities throughout Mexico. The president urged that the 14,645 additional acres still in the hands of the agrarian authorities be disposed of with the greatest possible speed.

Last year the state of Coahuila led the nation's production with 70,000 pounds of cotton. Throughout the nation the 844,000 acres of cotton land gave a crop of 188 million pounds with the high yield of 223 lb. acre. This crop was half again as big as that of 1935 and the crop of 1936. The danger of what now seems an almost inevitable international cotton glut.

Spain Aid Honored

MEXICO CITY—The one American nation to give consistent aid to the legitimate government of Spain since the beginning of the war in July, 1936, is Mexico. As a mark of gratitude of the Spanish Republic for this signal aid, President Cardenas of Mexico was decorated with the Grand Collar of Isabel la Catolica on September 10th by Spanish Ambassador Felix Cordaz.

On the same day, in a ceremony at the Embassy building, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, General Secretary of the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers), was also decorated with the order of Isabel la Catolica, in recognition of the solidarity displayed by the Mexican labor movement with the cause of the Spanish working class in its struggle against the fascist reaction.

LABOR FEDERATION ACTS
Later in the week the CTM proposed to the Amsterdam Trade Union International, of which it is a member, that this organization take immediate steps through its affiliated groups in all countries to bring pressure on their respective governments for concrete action against Italo-German aggression in Spain and Japanese aggression in China.

The union federation also sent a message to the Mexican Government asking backing at Geneva of the special commission to investigate the acts of piracy in the Mediterranean which are impeding free commerce and endangering the peace of the world.

Oil Case at Crisis

MEXICO CITY—The British-owned Agula Oil Company was still struck by the Oil Workers Union as the long-outstanding suit of the Union against all the foreign oil companies moved into its last stages. The members of the Government Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, who left two weeks ago for an airplane tour of the oil fields, returned last week to wind up its hearings on the case. Having heard from the workers and the companies, the board's decision at this writing.

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1ST CALIFORNIA DOCTOR TO GO TO HELP SPAIN

Marin County Meetings to Give Sendoff to Dr. Leonard Larsen

SAN RAFAEL—The prospective departure to Spain of Dr. Leonard Larsen of Pt. Reyes, who has volunteered his services as surgeon with the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, will be the occasion of three meetings in Marin County.

The meetings will be held at: Foresters' Hall, Pt. Reyes, Wednesday evening, September 29th; San Rafael Improvement Club, San Rafael, Friday evening, October 1st; Outdoor Art Club, Mill Valley, Saturday evening, October 9th. Dr. Larsen will speak at all three.

First California surgeon to go to Spain, Dr. Larsen's decision to do so has greatly stimulated interest in the work of the Medical Bureau in Marin County, and in Spain relief work. Audiences at these meetings will hear reports on the eight American hospitals established in Spain in the past nine months, as well as on the new mobile Hospital Caravan which Dr. Edward K. Barsky expects to take to Spain October 28th—and to which unit Dr. Larsen expects to be attached.

Frederick Thompson former Marin County supervisor whose son David is fighting with the Loyalist forces, will be the principal speaker on all three programs. Mr. Thompson recently returned from Spain.

The sound film "Heart of Spain," taken under fire, will be shown at the Marin County meetings.

The Rev. W. K. Guthrie, chairman of the Marin County Medical Bureau will preside at San Rafael, and Dr. Donald Fowler will act as chairman of the Mill Valley meeting.

Proceeds of the affairs will go toward the support of the Hospital Caravan, something new in medical-military history.

This will be a fast-moving unit which will follow the front line positions, can be set up beneath trees and camouflaged and, with bullet-proof ambulances, rescue the shattered victims of dum-dum bullets, shrapnel, shells—and make it possible for hundreds of lives to be saved within those first few hours after the attack which so often mean the difference between life and death to the fighters for democracy.

Loyalists Advance -- Heed Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO—Loyalists advancing on the Aragon front report the news dispatches from Spain.

And this cable was received from the Medical Bureau in Spain and relayed here:

"TREMENDOUS NEED FIELD HOSPITAL AREA ARAGON OFFENSIVE STOP MOBILE HOSPITAL URGENTLY REQUIRED STOP CABLE IMMEDIATE DATE YOUR RETURN WITH ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SUPPLIES AND MOBILE HOSPITAL."

The cable was addressed to Dr. Edward K. Barsky in New York, who announced that he would return to Spain Oct. 28, via the Ile de France. Ten thousand dollars are still needed to fulfill the quota set by the Medical Bureau in order to make this mobile hospital unit an immediate reality.

Redeem Harbor From British

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela — After years of British exploitation of the excellent harbor of this seaport, the Venezuelan government has finally gathered enough credit to buy back the harbor. The British La Guayra Harbor Corporation held a 99 year monopoly on the port as an ancient grant. Although 49 of the years had already passed, Venezuela was forced to pay 22,000,000 bolivars (\$5,500,000) to regain the port.

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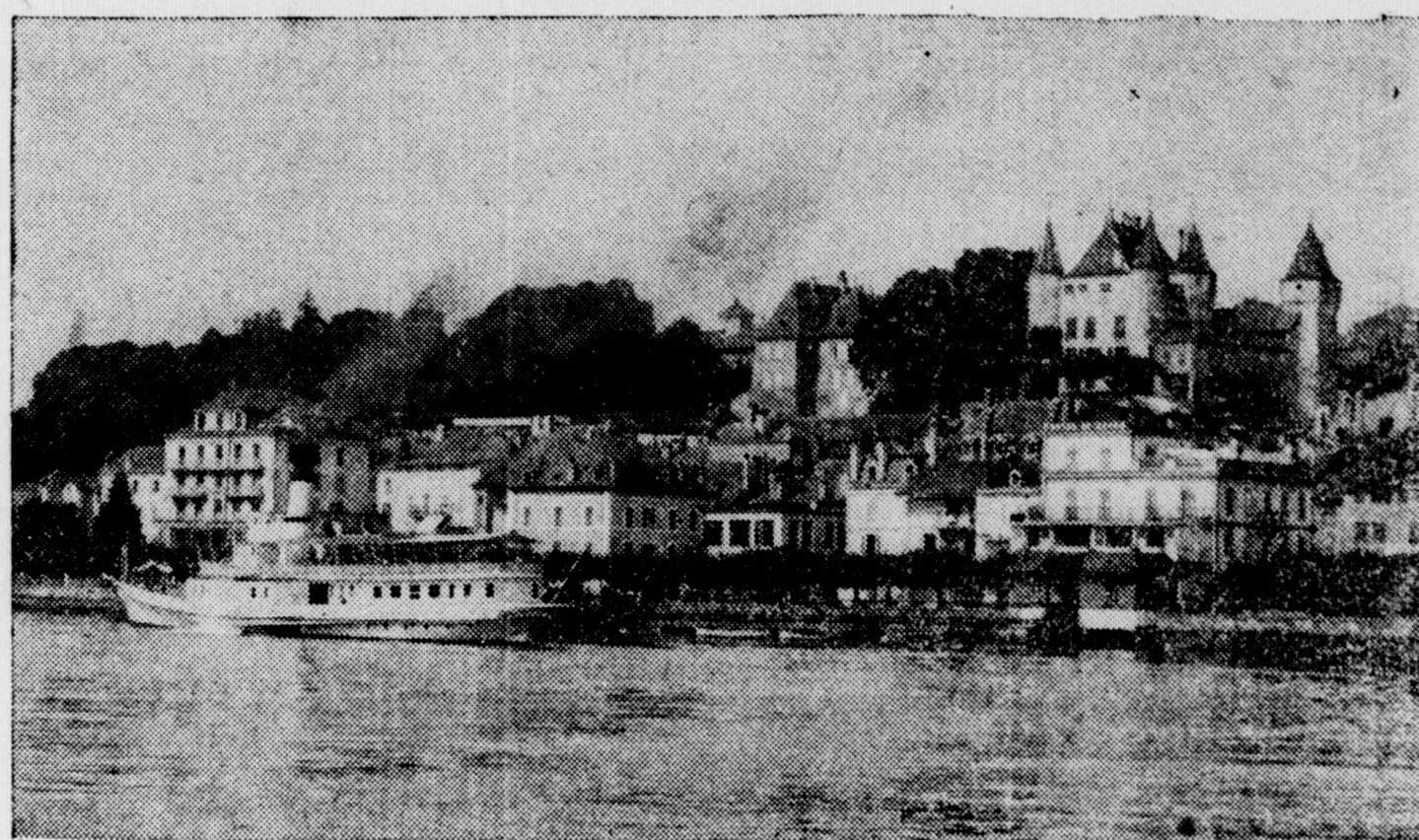
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Where Diplomats Argued the Identity of the Pirate U-Boat



NYON, SWITZERLAND, 16 miles from Geneva, scene of the international parley for suppressing piracy of "unidentified" submarine marauders in the Mediterranean. Hitler and Mussolini refused to send representatives, but no one wondered why!

DICTATORS SEEK TO BOLSTER FASCIST AGGRESSORS' PACT

Organized Military Spectacle Marks Parley of Hitler, Mussolini

BERLIN — Benito Mussolini and Adolph Hitler whom world democracy brands as the two chief individual incendiaries of war today, held a demonstrative meeting in Munich Saturday.

It was Mussolini's first visit to Germany, although the two fascist chiefs had met in Italy shortly after the assassination of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss of Austria.

JAPAN GIVES SLAP TO LEAGUE, U. S. ON CHINA POLICY

GENEVA—Japan flatly told the League of Nations, as it had previously told individual countries, that it will reject any suggestion or "interference" whatsoever of a third party in its invasion of China.

Word to this effect was telegraphed to the League by Koki Hirota, Japanese foreign minister, while Japan replied in another way to the note of Secretary of State Cordell Hull of the United States.

Answer With Bombs
Hull had urged Japan to forgo its threatened air raid on Nanking and urged a cessation of all bombing attacks on civilian areas. By Saturday Japan had made no statement in answer, but had carried out its Nanking raid and launched a still more terrible bombing of Canton, killing an estimated 2000 non-combatants amid wholesale devastation.

Hirota's message to Geneva, by intimation, rejected any invocation of the Nine-Power Treaty to which Japan as a signatory promised to respect the national sovereignty of China.

Rejecting the invitation of the League advisory committee to participate in a discussion on the Chinese situation, Hirota said that "a just, equitable and practical solution of questions concerning Japan and China can be found by the two countries."

With the bombing of Canton trading even more definitely than before on the toes of British interests in China, England's Tokyo ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, made two calls on the Tokyo foreign office. The second call was made in protest against

the bombing of both Canton and Nanking.

In Washington, the United States Navy headquarters issued formal notice that the Asiatic fleet will remain in the waters "as long as the present controversy between China and Japan exists." Protection of American nationals "will continue in full force even after our nationals have been warned to leave China and after an opportunity to leave has been given."

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LOS ANGELES—A group of actors and actresses waved farewell at a corner street in Hollywood to two ambulances beginning a long trek across the country to New York, London and then to Spain.

The group were members of the Motion Picture Artists Committee who are sending these ambulances to join the American Medical Unit.

Two drivers, a nurse, two magazine writers and one of the finest films about the war in Spain as yet to be produced are accompanying the expedition. The magazine writers are Martin North and Albert Kahn. The picture is "Heart of Spain."

The names of many Hollywood stars, signed with white paint on the ambulances, excite the curiosity and interest of movie-fans across the country. Names include Franchot Tone, Fred Keating, Nancy Carroll, Ben Hecht, Johnny Green, Samson Raphaelson, Humphrey Cobb, Cedric Belfrage, Dudley Nichols, Dorothy Tree, Florence Eldridge, Betty Furness, Sylvia Sydney, Ernest Hemingway, Donald Ogden Stewart, Lionel Stander, Lewis Milestone, Gale Sondergaard, Arthur Richman, Sidney Buchman, Stella Adler, Konrad Bercowicz, Lewis Browne, Herbert Bireman, Luise Rainer, Frederic March, Paul Muni and James Cagney.

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ITALY'S GARRISON IN MAKALE WIPED OUT, SAYS REPORT

LONDON—The entire Italian garrison and all Italian civilians in Makale, Ethiopia, have been slaughtered by Ethiopian tribesmen, according to authoritative reports reaching here.

No details of the raid were given, however, nor its exact time.

News of it arrived here shortly after rumors had been circulated that Mussolini had promised Britain to refuse permission to any further Italian "volunteers" to enter Spain.

There was no authoritative source to vouch for this latter, however, although such an episode in Ethiopia would be regarded as a tremendous setback to the Italian scheme of aggression.

Makale lies 300 miles north of Addis Ababa, Ethiopian capital, and was taken shortly after the beginning of Mussolini's campaign into virtually unarmed Ethiopia.

"Black Pit" To Have Benefit Showings

SAN FRANCISCO — That thrilling drama of the mid-west coal mines "Black Pit" will be played by the excellent Theatre Union cast only twice more: Friday and Saturday—October 1st and 2nd,—both benefit showings.

The International Labor Defense sponsors the showing on the 1st with proceeds going to aid labor's prisoners. Both performances are to be held at 8:30 in the Green Street Theatre (629 Green St.).

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Vandeleur Can't Steal Rank and File

VANDELEUR had better practice his chest-beating before the mirror again. No matter how hard he beat, and no matter how loud he yelled last Friday night at the San Francisco Labor Council meeting, he couldn't win approval for his vigilante program.

The progressive voice of the American Federation of Labor rank and file made itself heard in the council, despite the expulsion of the most militant and progressive delegates from that body, in a ringing condemnation of the beating of President John F. Shelley at the State Federation of Labor convention in Long Beach.

Shelley "was brutally attacked and beaten by an organized group, said to have been delegates," stated the resolution introduced by Operating Engineers Local 64, and adopted by the council although there was not a delegate present who did not know Teamster officials' goons were responsible for the dumping of not only Shelley but other progressive delegates at Long Beach.

Vandeleur and the Teamster delegates quite naturally opposed this resolution, and violently attacked another resolution proposing an investigation, introduced by Miscellaneous Employees Local 110, by red-baiting and demanding the ousting of Sam Jaye, Local 110 secretary, as a delegate because he is a member of the Communist Party.

It is to the credit of Shelley that he flayed this red-baiting, stating it was not the concern of the council "whether they are Republican, Democrat or Communist."

Important conclusions for the entire labor movement arise from this council meeting:

First, that "Vandeleurism"—that policy of autocratic rule enforced by gangs of thugs, so disgracefully in evidence at the Long Beach convention—cannot be choked down the throats of the AFL membership.

Second, that despite the ousting of the Longshoremen and Warehousemen and other progressives from the council, a strong progressive bloc still remains and can and must be strengthened in the fight against "Vandeleurism" and for unity.

And finally, that red-baiting is a mighty threadbare cloak and will not serve to hide Vandeleur's union-busting, labor splitting program.

A Fighting Program for The People of San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO is a graft-ridden city. Its living costs are mounting, and the increased price of milk is only a sample of the toll that corporate interests are exacting from its citizens.

The working masses of San Francisco are again threatened with an anti-picketing ordinance aimed directly at the unions that have brought an increased standard of living to them and to thousands of business and professional people.

San Francisco moreover, is threatened with a bond issue of unheard of proportions, a bond issue which would place the cost of a subway on the people who can least afford to pay and who stand to pay the bills while the rich take the profit.

San Francisco is in the midst of an election campaign.

Clearly the people of San Francisco must protect themselves by:

1. Demanding the prosecution of those implicated by the startling expose of graft, reaching out from the city hall. Establishing honest government.

2. Putting the strength and influence of the city government into the fight against rising living costs—including the fight for lowering the milk price and establishing a housing authority which can make use of federal funds.

3. Voting down the subway bonds, and demanding that a financing system be worked out to put the expense on the big mercantile and financial interests who will draw the cash profits.

4. Voting down the anti-picketing ordinance. Defending the rights of labor to organize to protect its present gains and win still more.

This is the program of the Communist Party and of its candidate.

greedy landlords and against employers who do not shrink from using tear gas or even murder. It is against vested interests who soar their own profits at the expense of keeping children undernourished.

But it is the program of the Communist Party in the interest of the majority of the people of San Francisco.

Those who oppose this program have every reason to oppose the Communist Party.

But the vast majority have every reason to support it, and to defend the Communist Party.

Banning Strike and Political Action

"THE public be damned."

Frick, the railroad king, made this statement many years ago, and when it is re-echoed time and again by the open-shop spokesmen, no one is surprised although indignant. But when a Southern California public corporation, supported by public taxes, adopts this attitude and defends it with guns, teargas and violence, it comes with a shock to hundreds of thousands of people. It calls out for immediate action.

The Metropolitan Water District, comprised of 13 member cities, is publicly on record for damning the public, as well as violating the Wagner Labor Relations Act, in its violent refusal to bargain collectively with the striking tunnel workers of Banning. D. C. Leadbetter, district spokesman, has announced his intention to break the strike "even if it costs \$10,000,000."

With whose \$10,000,000 does Mr. Leadbetter intend to break the strike? With \$10,000,000 out of the pockets of the taxpayers in the 13 member cities of the Metropolitan Water District. And he is paying a small army of armed thugs and scabs in Banning in his attempt. Workers have been shot and beaten up by both thugs and sheriff's deputies in Riverside County. Recently Leadbetter staged a fake dynamiting and tried to pin responsibility for it on the union.

If ever a strike showed the necessity for independent political action by labor and its allies, this strike of over 1,200 tunnel workers, members of the CIO Intl. Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, provides the evidence. People's officials in these 13 cities would have settled this strike before it started, on the fair basis of the union's demands. As it is, the strike is costing the public \$25,000 a day in interest on the RFC loan alone.

It is of utmost importance to all labor, particularly in Southern California, that this strike be won. Labor and its friends must apply pressure on the city councils in the 13 cities, to demand the removal of Leadbetter and other officials responsible for the terroristic attempt to smash the union, and to demand granting of the strikers' demands. Financial support for the strikers should be sent to the strike Committee. Mine, Mill & Smelter Union, Banning local, San Fernando Bldg. Los Angeles.

Leading the Struggle For Negro Liberation

THERE is something symbolic in the fact that the National Negro Congress will hold its second annual convention in Philadelphia, beginning October 14.

It was in Philadelphia some one hundred and sixty-one years ago that a group of determined men assembled to pen these immortal words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness . . ."

Neither the spirit nor the letter of these words have meant more than rhetoric for the kinsmen of the men and women who will meet in Philadelphia next month.

These people have never known life and liberty in the sense that the revolutionary fathers intended. They have never been permitted to "pursue" happiness as other Americans.

For them, life in America has meant fear and poverty. It has meant living in segregated slum areas, toiling for less than subsistence wages, a lack of voting rights, inadequate educational facilities, and the throng of invasions of human rights that the authors of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution deemed worthy of incorporation in the supreme law of the land.

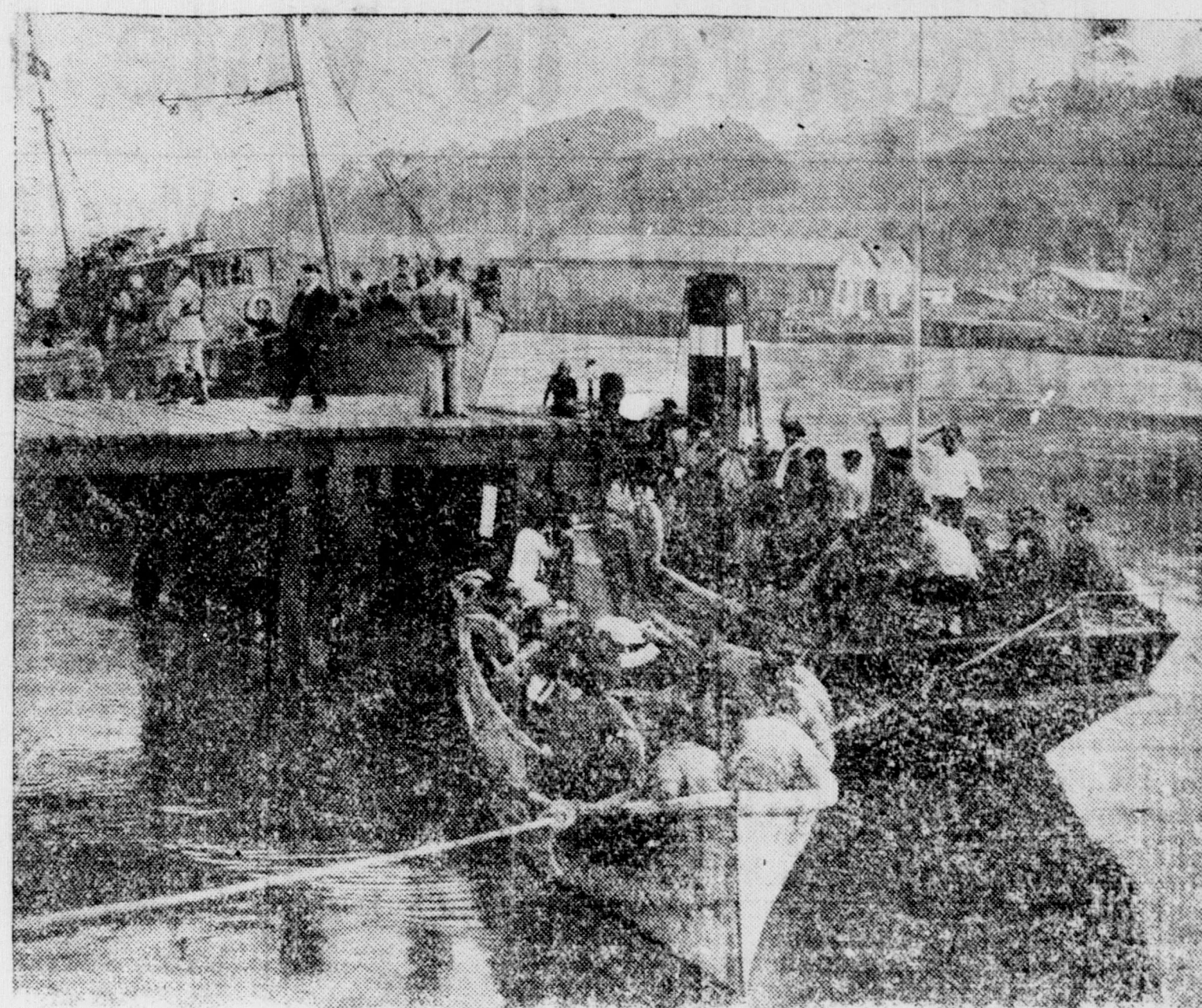
When these people meet in Philadelphia they will face many of the problems of their illustrious predecessors. They will represent 600 organizations and act for nearly fifteen million human beings.

What will they decide? What will they demand?

Nothing more nor less than that the letter and spirit of the law of the land be fulfilled. Nothing more nor less than that the Declaration of Independence have real meaning; that the Constitution of the United States be executed by the states and the federal government; that especially the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to that Constitution be enforced.

This is the demand of the National Negro Congress. And in presenting this demand, the Congress will pass on the progressive traditions of 1776. It will assume leadership of the struggle for Negro liberation. It will deserve the support of every trade union, every progressive political and civic organization in America, every individual who desires democracy, progress, and peace.

Sale from Franco's German-Made Bombs



LOYALIST men, women and children reach Bayonne, France, after pressing fishing boats into service to escape the devastation and death spread by the fascist planes. Able-bodied men return through Catalonia to fight again, while the women and children remain in the permanent refugee camps built and maintained by French workers.

MEANING OF THE CHANGE IN SPAIN

By ROBERT MINOR

VALENCIA, Sept. 16 (Delayed)—The attention of all republicans in Spain, and of all its organizations, is today frankly focussed on the question of the unity of the anti-fascist forces as a war necessity.

The first stage has been the struggle for organic unity between the Communist and Socialist Parties, which now appears near realization.

The second phase, the struggle for trade union unity through the merging of the two labor federations, the UGT and the CMT, has been slowed up by sharp rivalries and by maneuvers which at times assumed dangerous forms.

Two weeks ago Spanish labor awoke to find 200,000 of her best trade unionists expelled from the UGT, with no excuse except a trivial technicality, and the fact that the expulsions would change the complexion of the National Committee of the UGT from support of the Government to refusal of that support.

Miners Dropped

The Austria miners union, nearly every man of whom is now under arms fighting with his back to the sea in the People's Army, was among the unions whose rights in the UGT were dropped, with the cause described as non-payment of the per capita tax.

The expulsion took place though these unions offered to pay the tax, for their dues remained unaccepted through lack of formal printed blanks for receipts!

But the very enormity of the situation brought a sharp awakening. Disunity is being transformed into its opposite.

A profound revulsion of feeling has occurred, partly due to the skillful work among the trade unions of the Coordination Committee of the Socialist and Communist Parties.

The third phase of the struggle for unity concerns the relations of the anarchists with the Communist and Socialist Parties, and the harmonious support of the People's Front Government by all.

This phase is deeply interwoven with the question of the trade unions.

During the past two weeks of bitter trade union struggles, and especially Sept. 13, 14, and 15, sinister efforts were made to exploit the century old controversies between the Marxists and anarchists.

The success of such efforts could have meant the splitting of Spain's biggest and strongest trade union federation, the UGT, and the emasculation of the second federation, the CNT.

The organs of the CNT which are generally considered as the spokesmen for the anarchists put up a defense of the action of the small Executive Committee of the UGT as a defense of the UGT itself.

Attack Expulsions

The Communist and Socialist Parties jointly attacked the expulsions of the 200,000 members as splitting the UGT and hampering incessantly and effectively on the one theme of unity, emphasizing the recent speech here of Louis de Brouckere, chairman of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International, in behalf of unity inside and outside in defense of Spain.

Francia Social, a CNT organ, replied sharply but in a defensive tone, and declared in favor of unity of all anti-fascist forces. The Communist leader Luis

Gloria seized upon this unity sentiment and flatly proposed that unity be established.

"To our anarchist comrades, Gloria wrote, 'the Communist Party cordially extends its hand. We extend our hand to all friends of unity.'"

Good Response

Gloria's overture met an immediate favorable response.

The tense and universal interest that centered in the public discussion would be unbelievable to anyone not acquainted with the enormous part that labor plays in Spain's present history.

All Valencia, if not the whole country was awaiting word from the Communist Party Wednesday night when the alarm came: "Lights out! Go to bombproof refuges! Enemy air raid!"

Almost no one went to the shelters.

In the strange beautiful moonlight, with all lights out, it seemed the whole population sat on curbstones and in darkened street cars and watched a battle in the sky with criss-cross beams flashing in search of the fascist aviators who blew up the Norwegian Embassy and killed a British sailor as well as 20 or 30 women and children, and also sank some fishing smacks.

The searchlights, restlessly seeking and now and again fixing their glare on the little darting specks of death with the new kind of stars that twinkle but once—the bursting anti-aircraft shells—made the sky a display I had never seen before.

Rows of red hot rapid-fire tracer shells blazed across the sky-line, and the roar of these new great anti-aircraft guns, turned into a Wagnerian opera, each beat preceded by the peculiar red glare of the firing.

Newsboys Come

Then came the cry, "Frente Rojo!" as newsboys came running with the latest edition of the Communist Party's central organ, which is the most popular evening paper.

By the glare of the anti-aircraft guns' fire, you could see the newsboys weaving through the crowd and come out empty-handed, while knots of men lit cigarette lights to read the statement of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party, which had become known as the source from which many solutions came.

The statement, covering a full newspaper page, is a smashing appeal for unity of all anti-fascist forces.

It so aptly and boldly states the case, that it became overnight a classic document, discussion of which is now found in every trade union and every newspaper.

The document speaks with naked words of the dangers that face Spain.

"The lack of firm unity of all the anti-fascist forces is the principal cause of our weaknesses," it declares, "of the slowness with which we are completing some of the tasks which are decisive in winning victory, and for which we have not yet even been able to extend and take full advantage of the success of our arms, which has permitted the enemy to deal us several serious blows."

"In spite of the hard lessons of the North, there still can be a healthier atmosphere in our rear-guard, a lessening of the tension which has been degenerating into internal struggles between the forces which have but a single mission: to win the war."

New Unity

"In order to put an end to this situation with the greatest rapidity," it continues, "the Po-

litical Committee of the Communist Party has decided to make a new effort to realize and consolidate the unity of all honest and sincere anti-fascist forces . . . In the unity of all these forces is to be found the supreme guarantee of our triumph."

It continues: "The Communist Party has been and still is the target of very sharp attacks. It is possible that some comrades, animated by the desire to defend their party, have reacted against these unjustified attacks with too much vehemence."

The Political Bureau declares that in this moment it is necessary to avoid carefully excesses of polemics in the press and generally in all relationships, in order to reinforce and improve the ties with other groups, to insure that all forces can be directed against the common enemy on the battlefields and in the work of the rearguard. Yet this does not signify renunciation of positive and instructive criticism.

The Political Bureau records that the Communists desire the realization of the fusion of the Communist and Socialist Parties without any exclusion of persons or of groups, and declares to the members of other parties that the fusion of Communists and Socialists into a single party will contribute to the strengthening of the anti-fascist people's front.

On Anarchists

The approach to the anarchists is plainly governed by the fact that the anarchists in Spain constitute a proletarian mass movement.

Facing the problems of relationships with the anarchists in a manner consistent with its previous policy, but with the question placed more sharply now in the light of a necessity created by the Communist Party and the Socialist Party, and who organize the splitting of the trade unions, who every day place themselves more openly on the road of adventures and of criminal actions, following in this the road followed by the POUM forces last May.

"But we hold the firmest conviction that these elements are profoundly mistaken if they believe that they can count on the support of the masses and of the organizations of the CNT."

"The Spanish people will not tolerate a repetition of the May happenings, and will rise like a single man under the leadership of the Government against anyone who tries to disturb the country's revolutionary order . . ."

"There does not exist today a single field in which the anarchists and Communists cannot collaborate and march together."

Outlook After War

"Collaboration and unity of action between the anarchists and Communists not only will strengthen powerfully today the front of struggle against fascism, but it is the guarantee that these two great organizations, in union with the Socialists and republicans, will be able to develop together tomorrow, after the war is ended, the achievement of the Spanish people's great aspirations of freedom and justice . . ."

The manifesto does not concede an inch on the question of the expulsions from the UGT, but says:

"In order to place with all energy the problem of unity, and to affirm its readiness to make all necessary sacrifices to realize the firmest anti-fascist unity throughout the country, the Political Bureau of the Communist Party declares that it will not tolerate in any way the continuation of the policy of split-

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As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

West Coast Needs a Daily

Events and struggles of tremendous political importance are facing the people of California, Oregon and Washington. The 1938 state and Congressional elections will be a battleground between progress and reaction, between democracy and fascism. Labor's Non-Partisan League, the Washington and Oregon Commonwealth Federations, and the California progressive Democrats are in the fight to elect labor-progressive candidates and defeat the Tories. A People's Front movement is in the making.

The Communist Party and the Western Worker has been in the forefront of building a united front of the labor and progressive forces against reaction, fascism and war. The howls of the Tories, the vigilantes, and the Hearst press have not succeeded in stopping the growth of the Party and its press.

How much more powerful will be the movement for a united Peoples Front against reaction, if we double the tempo of mass recruiting into the Party, and establish a daily voice of the people on the West Coast!

Issues Facing Labor

Labor is on the march. The issues of labor unity, organizing the unorganized, industrial unionism and trade union democracy are the foremost topics discussed before the masses. Labor and civil rights are under attack by the economic royalists.

The CIO has galvanized the whole labor movement to unprecedented activity on the economic and political field. The Communist Party and the Western Worker have been among the leaders of the fight for progressive policies in the trade unions, for the support of the CIO organizing activities, and for the winning of the AFL rank and file membership to the support of progressive principles against the reactionary, splitting policies of the Greens, Ryans, Becks and Vandeleurs. A daily labor paper fighting for these principles on the West Coast would be a death blow to the reactionary forces both inside and outside the labor movement who are making a desperate effort to smash the militant and progressive trade unions.

War or Peace

Germany, Italy and Japan have shown that the destructive program of Fascism, by the invasion of Spain and China, will stop at nothing to destroy democracy and peace throughout the world. They are threatening the Soviet Union, America and other non-fascist countries will be next. The Communist Party and the Western Worker have been consistently fighting to keep America out of war by stopping the Fascist attack on democracy and peace by their ruthless invasion of Ethiopia, then Spain, then China.

All democratic and peace-loving peoples of the world must unite to defeat Fascism before it is too late. A daily paper consistently fighting for peace against the fascist war-mongers, could have a hundred-fold more mass influence on the West Coast than the Western Worker already has.

Every member and sympathizer of the Party, every reader and friend of the Western Worker should realize that it is his or her first and foremost duty to pitch in for a successful financial and circulation drive so that the Western Worker can proudly greet the New Year on January 1st, 1938, when it will be transformed into a DAILY PEOPLES CHAMPION OF LIBERTY, PROGRESS, AND PEACE.

LETTERS

Would This Stymie Finance Capitalists?

Editor Western Worker:

It seems to me that in order to bring about fascism—I, e., Feudal Slavery—more quickly the international bankers are aiding and abetting directly and indirectly the handling of strikes, lockouts and jurisdictional raids in such a manner that the general public will think they are pulled solely for the selfish interests of the strikers and thereby gain the public's sympathy for their attempts to break up and smash all unions.

To offset these roguish tricks wouldn't it be a good idea for labor, while striving for its members' benefits in particular, to also get behind the housewives of New York, Chicago and other large cities and with the help of farmers advertise and agitate a general strike for a general equalization of all overhead prices in proportion to the prices labor gets in wages and farmers get for their produce?

It seems to me that such a procedure would throw the spot light on the real source of our economic disturbances and in a manner even the slowest thinking citizen could understand.

Comradely,

G. B., Oakland.

Wants to Contact Buyer of Auto

Editor Western Worker:

In regard to the letter signed "H" and entitled "Will you buy car to help Daily?" in the Letters column of the September 2nd Western Worker: I would like to get in touch with "H," as he seems to have the same idea, as I, and we might be able to work out a plan of cooperation in travelling about the country to aid the drive for a Daily Western Worker.

I am planning a trip to Merced in the near future and would be pleased to meet "H" personally and talk the matter over or, should he happen into these hills, he will be able to locate the undersigned from the address below, it being a mountain country post office on the state highway to Yosemite valley.

I hope he will drop me a line if he feels so disposed.

Fraternally,

B., Midpines, Calif.

That Daily Paper

One New Idea
Money From Sacto
Meet Harry Lawrence

SANTA BARBARA has started what we think is a swell idea. They have prepared money boxes to be kept in members' and sympathizers' homes. SWELL! We'll put one in our own joint and the next time that guy comes over to tell us what's wrong with our movement and the working class, we'll give him a strong hint towards it.

They are getting out Drive Bulletins and on October 17, the County will hold a big barbecue, a calf having been donated by comrades, and the Ventura and Oxnard Socialist Group will join with them in this affair. Which brings up a question sharply: What have the other counties been doing to draw in Socialists, Epics, and other groups?

Finally, Unit 2 will give a REAL Hallowe'en Party on October 31. All readers of the "Western" in the locality should plan to attend these affairs because Santa Barbara knows how to put on a good time.

Not in Sacto, Anyway

MIKE MARVOS, Sacto Drive Manager, kicked through \$20.00 this week and although he didn't say what was doing, we know the section must be working, because, my dears, money doesn't grow on bushes.

Object Lesson

In our next issue of Monday, Oct. 4 you will see an article and a picture of a comrade who is doing amazing work for the Drive. He is 72 years old and is the leading money-raiser in the state. This comrade is a worker through and through and he works as hard now in our movement as he did long ago when he joined the Knights of Labor. Hats off to a real PRESS Builder and Bolshevik, HARRY LAWRENCE.

LOS ANGELES is all het up about a lot of things. "Quit worrying," they say, "about us." We'll be there when the roll is called. "We'll put over the Drive and lead the state!" "It's in the bag, it's a pushover." OK L. A.! We agree you've psychologized yourself into putting over the Drive—now how about psychologizing yourself into sending in some dough? (Aw, don't get sore—we're only kidding) (like h—).

Camera Shy

WE WANNA run HARRY KRAMER's picture in the paper. Genial Harry is known to about all the Party membership because of his work in the State Legislature Department and as Business Manager of the "Western," but he is known more through his signature under a letter than by sight. As the guy largely responsible for setting up the technical apparatus for the Daily Western Worker, we think it high time everyone got a look at the KRAMER physiognomy through the pages of the paper. But Harry says nay and it's going to take a mass campaign to force the issue. We don't know whether it's simply sheer modesty or mayhap he's been looking in the mirror again. . . .

Cooperator

Now DAVE ADAMS, Alameda Drive Director, is a more cooperative guy. "Sure," says he, "Shall I get Mom and Pop, Grandad, Aunt Minnie and both my cousins to pose with me?"

Optimist

But one other County Drive Director took a different slant at it. "Why not wait," said he, "Until you get a shot of me receiving the winning award for my county?" Now, that IS an idea.

WORKERS' HEALTH

What to Do for High Blood Pressure

By DR. FRANKLIN E. BISSEL

Dear Doctor:

Please discuss latest treatments for high blood pressure in elderly persons.

—N. D., Los Angeles.

ANSWER: Science recognizes three general types of "hyper-tension," or high-blood pressure. The most common is that caused by the deposit of chalk in the walls of the arteries, so-called hardening of the arteries. So far, no cure has been found for this condition, although the patient can be often helped by following certain strict rules as to habits and diet.

Another type is caused by disease of the kidneys. In this condition, the kidneys must be treated.

A third type goes under the old name of "Essential Hyper-tension," called this because the cause was unknown. It is now generally recognized that this type is caused by an imbalance of the glands of internal secretion. A definite cure has been found for this condition: an extract of part of the liver called "Anabolin," which is manufactured by Harrower and Co. It is of value only when injected under a doctor's direction.

If you have high blood pressure, do not try to treat yourself and above all don't take advertised patent medicines. Put yourself in the care of a doctor and if you can't afford to pay for this, go to a free clinic. Be sure that the clinic doctor knows under which type your high blood pressure falls before treating you.

DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

By ADDISON KEELER

A group of us are camped in a little grove of trees near an irrigation ditch, below the village headquarters of the Washington-Lincoln Battalion. Some of us, on arrival yesterday evening, elected to locate in the barracks of the town. But the comrades in my group, who have been used to sleeping out since their arrival in Spain, immediately got permission and began lugging our blankets, packs and panchos down to the river.

The decision for us to leave the training camp and join the Washington-Lincoln outfit came very suddenly and unexpectedly. Day before yesterday when we were lined up after mess, the commander read off a long list of names and announced that these men were to shove off for the front. All those who came into Spain with me were called except two comrades who were ill and have been assigned work in the canteen.

Eager to Advance

You can imagine the enthusiasm that greeted this news, especially the cheers from the sailors! But all of us had begun to be impatient with the training grind and were anxious to get going. We spent the whole morning filling out our equipment, having our clothes mended, getting issues of shoes, emergency rations, cigarettes, etc., and in the afternoon we all shot several rounds on the range.

We left by truck, arriving here after a long slow ride. Our section was fortunate, however, in having a good leader. He is a former army sergeant and has a remarkable capacity for procuring food for himself and his men. Miracle number one: Toward morning, he produced in-

numerable boxes of puffed rice (an almost unheard of luxury at the training camp) and this together with our canned milk and hot coffee, bread and jam provided us with one of the best breakfasts we have had in Spain. At each little town in which we stopped he would then disappear and turn up with something equally marvelous—watermelons, grapes, anisette and cognac.

A rare character (I'll write more of him later) and the best possible kind of a leader to go into action with. Fortunately there are many of these ex-army men in the American section of the International Brigade and they give us rookies the benefit of their experiences gained through years of campaigning in Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, the Philippines and France. These men who fought unwittingly as the tools of capitalism in the past are today, with clear vision giving invaluable services to the People's Army in Spain, both as instructors and as leaders in battle.

"We'll Go Up Soon"

It's great being up here with the boys of the Washington-Lincoln Brigade, who have made such a fine name for themselves, particularly in the last offensive. We haven't been here long enough to get very well acquainted but by keeping our mouths shut and our ears open, we have picked up much information as to conditions at the front. These are very favorable, as you have doubtless heard, but there is much work to be done and it looks as though we will take part in the doing of it. We're still in complete ignorance as to when we will go up to the front or how we will go, whether as a unit or as replacements, but we will certainly be in on the next offensive and hope to give a good account of ourselves. We'll probably get additional training here before we get orders to move up.

As a matter of fact we've been through a pretty intensive training period and the results show up in many ways. In better individual records, on the rifle range, in better discipline, in less fatigue after marches and skirmishes.

One of these marches we really enjoyed. This was an extended order hike of 16 kilometers to a river. There we camped for two days and nights, spending many hours swimming after the morning's work of maneuvering across the hot, dusty fields and steep hills. The field kitchen came out with us and served even better meals than at the mess hall. Speaking of meals—ever since arrival in Spain we have been hearing one persistent rumor: that as you get closer to the front the food gets better and better. Most of us discounted it until we got here. But here we did get a break. The food is very good. For instance, for dinner today we had a delicious stew of beans and meat, soup, asparagus tips, sliced onions, tomatoes and cucumber salad, bread, coffee and fresh plums.

Food Is Good

I go in pretty strongly for descriptions of the food we get. But food is a damned important subject to any soldier in any army. If I should grade the food I've had in Spain, according to Marine Corps standard, I'd say the first few meals were pretty lousy, those at the training camp were good and those that they serve a few miles behind the front are excellent. In fact they are much superior to what was handed me at Paris Island, South Carolina, a U. S. Marine Station during the war. I'm assured by Washington-Lincoln vets that you are fed even better at the front—wider and if they can get it to you—also there are plenty of cigarettes and chocolate—when and if.

It's about time to tie on the feed bag and I've been writing so much about food that I've worked up a ravenous appetite, which I'll still further increase.

Marxist Magazine Sets High Standard

"This paper is written in Spain, and as the writer is taking a very minor part in the defense of Madrid he is unable to consult many works of reference." With this apology J. B. S. Haldane begins his article "A Dialectical Account of Evolution" in the Summer Quarter issue of SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. This famous scientist son of J. S. Haldane, who was probably the greatest psychologist of his time, then pitches into his involved subject with competence and shows that "the intellectual technique of Marx, Engels and Lenin makes for clear thinking in biology."

Haldane is one of the several prominent intellectuals represented in the fourth issue of this "Marxian Quarterly." Granville Hicks in his "Literary Opposition to Utilitarianism" traces his informed way certain anti-bourgeois currents in Coleridge, Carlyle, Dickens, and other English writers of the nineteenth century. Antonio Pannekoek and Corliss Lamont are well-known contributors.

U. S. History

Now that the magazine has been established for one year, it is in order to take a flying estimate at the quarterly. In general the periodical has maintained a high tone both in format and in material. Especially some of the currently significant articles on American history have been splendid. Among these, the articles by James Allen and Earl Hanson were notable as was Louis Boudin's estimate of the role of the Supreme Court.

The majority of articles this year in SCIENCE AND SOCIETY are of contemporary importance and we may hopefully expect that the editors will let even less pedantic treatises slip into succeeding issues of the magazine. C. D.

Mine-Workers' Drama Recalls Debate on Stool-pigeons

"BLACK PIT," a play by Albert Maltz, presented by the San Francisco Theatre Union at the Green Street Theatre.

"Black Pit" is a drama of the coal mines. Its locale, as author Maltz says in his preface, "is a coal camp."

"It sits on a mountainside, it's shut off in a lonely ravine, it straggles the bank of a river, rusty with the wash of sulphur. It looks like a scab on living flesh and the miners call it a patch."

In its broadest aspects it is the story of company domination over a mining camp, the squalor and misery of the miners' life, the terror of death that always lurks in the mine, the ruthless thievery of the operators, the horror of the blacklist. It is the story of the constant strife that divides every mining camp into the people who live in shacks and those that occupy the houses with front lawns.

In its immediate sense it is the story of a worker who ceases

to be a man and becomes a stoolpigeon. It attempts to explain this transformation and show the reasons for it.

Arouses Debate

When it was produced by the New York Theatre Union, the play became the occasion for the most heated discussion ever aroused by any working class drama. It created the sharpest division of opinion in revolutionary and working class circles.

As far as the reviewer hazily remembers, the debate raged around the following questions: Was it proper to project as the central character a weakling who becomes a stoolpigeon?

Did the play, even though slightly, create sympathy for the stoolpigeon?

Subordinated were a number of related questions. As to the first point, the defenders of the play contended that the problem of the stoolpigeon is a real and vital one in the life of workers and therefore had its legitimate place in

the realistic portrayal of working class life. They said that in exposing the stoolpigeon and showing how a worker, at first unwillingly, becomes enmeshed in the company web, the play served a positive purpose.

Sympathy for Stools?

The opposition contended that the central character should have been a positive, militant type, that the chief feature of a miner's life is not the existence of stoolpigeons, but the existence of heroic working class types.

On the second problem, the pros said that the play showed backward workers the horror of becoming a rat, a pariah amongst one's fellow men, aroused among all people a hatred for any one who would betray his brothers for selfish ends.

The cons said that in showing the motivation for Joe Kovarsky's (the central character) treachery, the play tended to place him in a sympathetic light.

These are questions that you

will have to resolve when you see the play. And it is worth seeing. The Theatre Union production is to be commended for capturing the drama and spots of humor that run through the simple story.

How Worker Becomes Rat

Joe Kovarsky, a miner, gets married and then dragged off to jail for three years, having been framed in a strike. He comes out of jail and is blacklisted. He travels from camp to camp, getting jobs for short spells, only to have the blacklist catch up with him. His wife is to have a baby. His brother-in-law was crippled in the mines and they are threatened with eviction.

Then he weakens and sells out, at first deceiving himself into believing that he could give the super "harmless" information. Whether he believes his own deception is a debatable question.

But the most powerful sequence in the play is the one that follows, showing that you can't sell your soul piece meal, that the mire of treachery is

quicksand and once you place your foot in it, you slowly sink until you are totally submerged in the mire.

Finally, he is exposed and driven from his people and his home.

Interspersed in this simple story are bits of humor and telling realism of "patch" life.

Cast Does Well

The cast does well with special mention for Elizabeth Block as Iola (Kovarsky's wife), Henri Martel as Tony Lakovich (his brother-in-law) and Jack Norwood as Prescott, mine superintendent. Sam Giznet turns in a fine performance in two bit parts.

Joel Coffield carries the part of Kovarsky, but proceeds at a uniformly too high pitch that takes some of the effectiveness from the portrayal.

Director Helen Gross and stage designer Warren Hagee do their share in the production managed by Bernard Offenheim. The play will again be shown on Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 1 and 2.



Boys in the Lincoln Battalion during a breathing spell on the Jarama Front. The seaman in the front ranks is holding up a copy of the "Pilot," National Maritime Workers Weekly.

by a cognac at the canteen. My only beef now is that I've lost one pan from my mess kit and so can't be sure of the maximum hand-out.

Spain,
July 21, 1937

In my last letter I wrote of the discipline in the American battalions of the International Brigade and pointed out how the self-discipline of its members plus absolute obedience in line of duty has made these battalions superior to those of the fascists. Today we had a lecture which touched on this subject, given by Joe Dallet, Political Commander of the battalion. It was a fine talk and I'll try to give you the gist of it.

Discipline in a company of the anti-fascist brigade is maintained by two commands, military and political. In all military work, and particularly at the front, the military commander is in absolute control, the political commander fighting in the ranks like any other soldier.

But the work of the political commander is of immense importance. He is charged with maintaining the morale of the men, he looks after their welfare, solves so far as is possible their troubles and difficulties, settles their differences, and keeping in the closest touch with his men, acts as advisor to the military commander. Under him are the section political leaders elected by the men.

A Different Pep Talk

If a soldier feels that he has a legitimate complaint against any of his military leaders, he can take his case before the political commander for judgment. No "beefs" or soap-boxing are tolerated. There must be no division into cliques, political or otherwise.

"We are all anti-fascists and conscious fighters for democracy," concluded our political commander. "We have the finest technical equipment, the best military leaders and there is no reason why the company should not develop into one of the best in the Brigade!" Call this a "pep talk" if you will but it was unlike any pep talk I have heard before and I sat through many of these in the Marines at the time of the war.

Here was a friend talking to us, a leader and comrade in arms, giving us the dope on what we could and couldn't do in the anti-fascist army, reasonable talk which brought a response from every one of us.

From yesterday dates the real formation of our company. Then the old battalion returned from

maneuvers and a commander was assigned as a former officer of the U. S. Marine Corps, fresh from service at the front—a strict leader but very popular with the men. A political commander was also assigned us, a comrade from the State of Washington who was one of our leaders during our trip into Spain.

No Time Wasted

Training in this anti-fascist army is simple and efficient. We do not waste time like the bourgeois soldiers learning the manual of arms and squads right and left. We won't be much good for parades but by God we'll know trench warfare! By the time we finish our training here we should know practically all that can be learned (except through actual experience under fire) about modern warfare. Our leaders and instructors are picked men, most of them fresh from action at the front, the terrain over which we carry on maneuvers is carefully chosen with a view to approximating the natural conditions and obstacles we will experience.

Let me describe a typical day's work. We get up at 5:30, breakfast at 6:30 and at seven are marched out to the maneuver grounds, we may be given rifle instruction, skirmish formations, etc. At 12:30 we have lunch and in the afternoon either go out for more field training or are given lectures by military experts. (For instance, yesterday we had a lecture on the use of the gas mask and this afternoon will listen to a lecture on the various types of poison gas which the fascists may employ against us. So far no gas has been used but according to reports we are steadily driving the fascists back and in their desperation they may suddenly loose a poison gas attack. Against this possible contingency every man at the front carries a mask—and an extremely efficient one).

Supper is at 7:30 and from that time on until ten o'clock we can do as we please. At ten thirty lights are out. As you can see this is no rigid and monotonous schedule. During certain periods the company goes on guard duty and occasionally, like tonight, there are night maneuvers.

We Receive a Banner

This afternoon, following the lecture on poison gas, our Battalion political commander gave a talk and presented a banner to the company of the old battalion which had done the most efficient work during the four day march and maneuvers. Such

competitions between companies are frequent and are judged according to proficiency in trench digging, deployment tactics, singing, rifle and machine gun shooting and general morale.

Needless to say, we take our training seriously, the more so because during mock battles, advances, skirmishes, our officers take plenty of time out for criticism and discussion. After the day's maneuver we are often given a blackboard lecture by our captain and every man can ask questions, make suggestions, criticisms and comments.

A sailor from the West Coast got off a good one yesterday when a meeting was held discussing a night attack. The captain had just stressed the importance of confusing the enemy, of making no move until the whole attacking company had reached the enemy trench. "Yeah," commented the sailor, "just like we done against the scabs in the 1934 strike. We'd creep up behind 'em, yell 'Hell you!', then sock 'em as they turned."

Every day as we march to the maneuver grounds we pass farmers threshing their wheat. They employ crude, backward methods but work hard and with a will because the land in the vicinity has all be collectivized. This year, according to advance figures, and thanks to the many collectives, there will be 15 per cent more grain produced—a damn fine record considering that it is war time and so many men are away at the front.

(To be continued.)

Bureau Exhibit Shows Spanish War Posters

Next to bullets, the strongest weapon of loyalist Spain against the rebels is propaganda, which keeps morale at a fine edge. The strongest propaganda medium is art, and Spain's foremost artists, which means some of the world's foremost, have turned out some of the best poster art to be seen in this country.

A selection of 60 of these posters has been shipped to this country and will be exhibited by the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy on October 7th, 8th and 9th at the Theatre Union, 2036 Addison St., Berkeley.

Along with this exhibit, the Berkeley showing will have on display the new folio of 12 prints called "War and Culture" done by Pablo Picasso, the most famous living Spanish artist.

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Federal Players to Present Clever Comedy By G. B. Shaw

"Captain Brassbound's Conversion," the first in a trilogy of George Bernard Shaw plays to be produced by Federal Theatres, will open at the Hollywood Playhouse Thursday, September 23.

The story is a vivid portrayal of a man obsessed with a mad desire for revenge. The role is played by George Wickland. Other players: Brooks, Vernon McCalla, and Arthur Ray as Aradell Stone Lawrence as an English jurist, Roland Woodruff as a cockney Englishman, Jess Lee Brooks, Vernon McCalla, and Arthur Ray as Arabians.

SEEING RED

CONDUCTOR JEKYLL AND MOTORMAN HYDE

By MICHAEL QUIN

"Now the common problem of all us street car workers—" Samuel Kahn, president of the Market Street Railway, in his address before the biennial convention of the Carmen's Union.

"Company heads are here to welcome us today." William D. Mahon, national president of the carmen, upon opening the convention.

The motorman and conductor on the one-man car were having a conversation at the close of the day. "Thank God this is the last run for today," said Pete to himself. "One more trip and I'd be punching the passengers instead of the transfers."

He jammed on the air brakes just in time to avoid mangleing an old lady who was picking up a piece of tin foil in the middle of the tracks, imagining it to be a dime. The automatic door on the crowded rear platform swung open and flattened the ear of an old man who was inadvertently standing on the steel plate that operated the mechanism. He careened over onto the bunions of a neighbor who dropped a dozen eggs and plunged his elbow into the stomach of a woman who swallowed her gum and then bashed his hat with her fist.

The car stopped with a screeching, grinding friction like the noise of hell trying to digest the soul of Samuel Kahn.

"Why don't you look where you're going?" demanded the old lady, throwing away the piece of tinfoil in rage and disappointment.

"Clang! Clang! Clang!" Pete stamped on the bell and began to count ten.

The people waiting at the nearby corner had swarmed down to meet the car and were banging their knuckles on the door. Pete flipped the gadget and the door snapped open with a nasty "Pffftt!" They came clambering aboard like a party of attacking pirates.

"Does this go to Fillmore street?" gasped a breathless lady.

"We're on Fillmore now. Stand aside, lady." Pete began snatching coins and making change as fast as he could jiggle the triggers of the coin drums at his belt. The crowd blurred into one cohesive mass with hands and arms thrust out in every direction like the tentacles of an octopus. A small boy flipped a canadian nickel into the box, dived between the legs of a man, and disappeared into the car.

Meanwhile, the old man on the rear platform, who was something of a wit, kept one foot clamped down on the steel trigger plate, holding the door open and permitting a multitude of thrifty people to clamber aboard joyously free of charge.

"Step forward please! Step forward please!" Pete was grabbing dimes and quarters like berries off a bush. The arms and hands were flailing around like a hypnotist's nightmare.

He snatched a fifty-cent piece out of a hand, stuck it in his pocket, triggered out the change, handed it back to the man, who in turn handed him back a nickel and asked for a transfer. Pete stuck the nickel in the coin drum, pulled a handful of pennies from his side pocket, counted three into the man's hand, returned the other pennies to his side pocket, grabbed his book of transfers from the breast pocket of his coat, punched one, tore it off, and handed it to the man, and grabbed a quarter out of another hand.

He stuck the quarter in his coin drum, triggered out the change and handed it to the wrong person, grabbed a five dollar bill out of a hand, punched a hole in it and gave it away for a transfer, snatched the feather off a lady's hat, pulled the buttons off his vest and handed them to her for change, punched a hole in a man's necktie, poked his finger in a lady's eye, and cranked an old man's beard instead of the coin box.

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Parley Speeds Drive for Building Daily People's Press

PROGRESSIVES BACK SHELLEY IN COUNCIL ROW

Casey Joins Vandeleur In Red Attack as Tories Are Beaten

SAN FRANCISCO—Over the opposition of State Federation of Labor Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur, the Teamster delegates and others of the ultra-reactionary bloc, the Central Labor Council ringingly condemned the "cowardly gangster methods" used against progressive delegates to the recent State Federation convention, in a resolution adopted last Friday night.

The resolution charged Council President John F. Shelley "was brutally attacked and beaten by an organized group, said to have been delegates" to the state convention, and gave a vote of confidence to Shelley.

Teamsters Fight Motion
Teamster delegates fought against this "diplomatically" placed resolution, Secretary John O'Connell, Teamster Local 85 member, saying: "This is the first time I ever heard of somebody going to investigate somebody else on account of somebody having a brawl at a convention."

A second resolution, introduced by Culinary Miscellaneous Employees Local 110, called for an immediate investigation and that "those responsible be brought to punishment and be expelled from the ranks of labor."

This brought a typical rebuttal attack from Vandeleur, who shouted: "Why don't you investigate Jaye over here instead of carrying out the resolution?"

Jaye's Ouster Beaten
Sam Jaye, Local 110 secretary, declared he was a registered Communist and also the elected delegate of his local. A motion to oust Jaye from the council was ruled out of order. Grounds charges must be preferred in writing, by Shelley, who declared: "We don't want to put our fingers on anybody, whether they are Republican, Democrat or Communist. Every one has a right to his belief."

The reactionary bloc appealed from Shelley's ruling, but was beaten down by a vote of 192 to 139.

Joseph Casey, Teamster official and one of those responsible for the gangster attacks on progressive delegates to the Long Beach convention, seconded Vandeleur's rebuttal.

"Jaye was notified by the convention to appear before the credentials committee. He came up with a mob and deliberately incited a riot. The Communists came up to throw a scare into the good Americans and the good Americans threw them down the stairs."

The "mob" was a group of expelled delegates, including International Organizer Joseph Bauer of the Butchers' Union.

A resolution to support the Teamster officials' blockade against the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union on the waterfront, was adopted but 71 progressive delegates of the Teamster officials were opposed to it. Among those standing with the Teamster officials were Hugo Ernst, self-proclaimed "progressive" of the Culinary Union, and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific delegates.

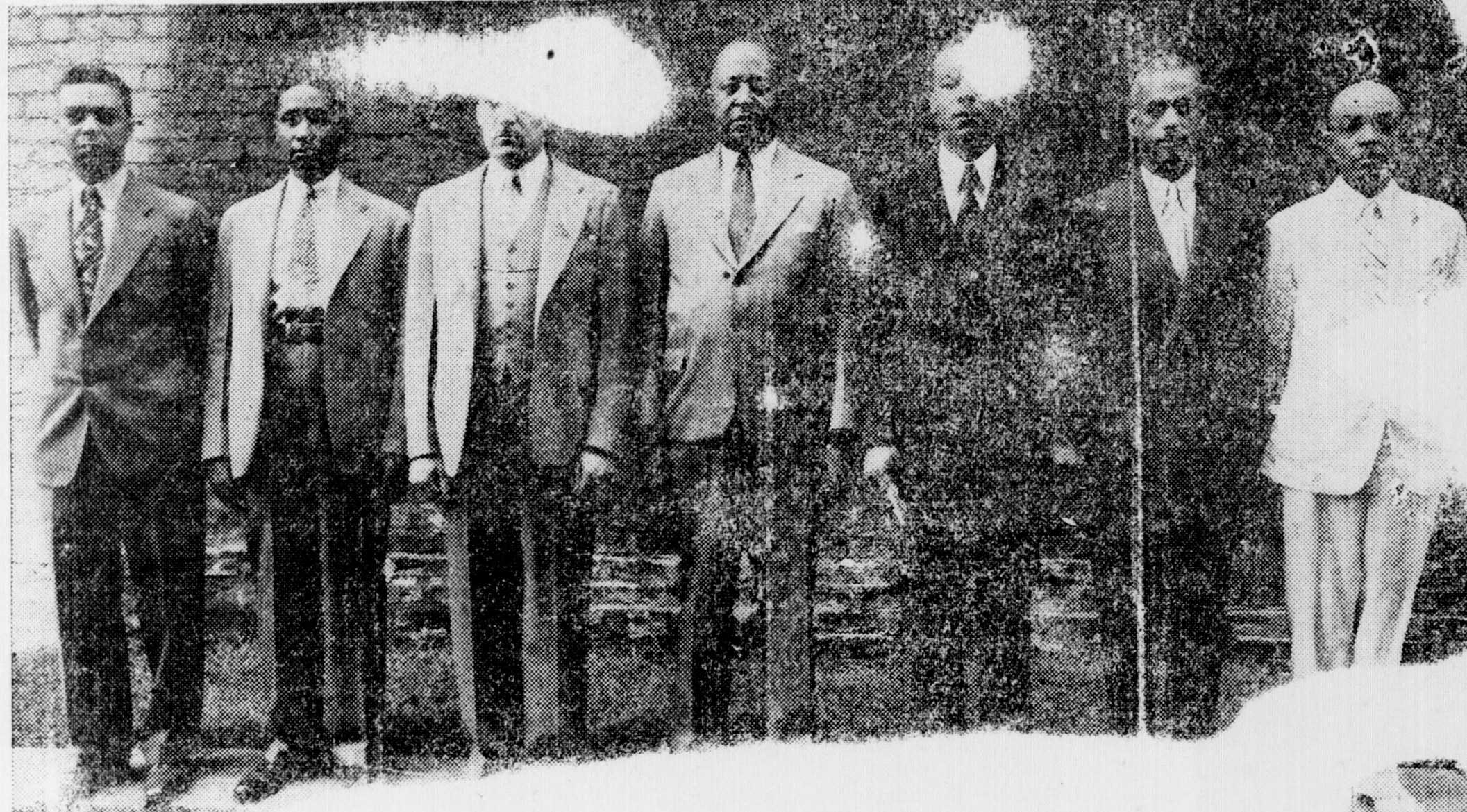
Northern Calif. Gives \$2500 to Medical Aid

SAN FRANCISCO—The Northern California Committee of the Medical Bureau (83 McAllister Street, Room 320) has sent to the New York office in the past two weeks the sum of \$2,500 towards the Mobile Hospital Unit. A substantial balance is being held here from funds specifically earmarked for the West Coast Hospital Unit, which will be headed by Dr. Leo Eloesser. This will be made the subject of a nationwide campaign which John Sherman, Acting Executive Secretary of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, announced will be launched in about three weeks time. Mr. Sherman recently spent three days in San Francisco.

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The Men Who Beat The Morgan-Controlled Pullman Company



HERE ARE the men who made labor history recently. They are the international officers of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which broke the resistance of the open-shop Pullman Company after a two year struggle and negotiated a favorable agreement. Left to right: L. O. Manson, vice-president, Chicago Division; Bennie Smith, second vice-president, Detroit, Michigan; C. L. Dellums, fourth vice-president, Oakland, California; M. P. Webster, first vice-president, Chicago Division; A. Philip Randolph, president, New York; Ashley L. Totten, secretary-treasurer, New York City, New York; and E. J. Bradley, third vice-president, St. Louis, Missouri.

GOV'T RENEWS ARAGON DRIVE

4-Way Offensive Started By Loyalists

MADRID—Government and fascist reports alike showed that three-way offensive of the Loyalist troops was under way in Aragon, following the capture of Belchite by drives against fascist-held Saragossa, Jaca and Teruel.

On the Toledo front south of Madrid, however, a sudden offensive of the fascists caused government troops to withdraw for 50 miles.

The strong defensive fight of the Loyalists in the Biscay region continued, despite the admitted superiority of fascist forces in that region and the isolation of the Loyalists from their base of supplies. Fascists captured Ribadesella, 30 miles from Gijon, after repeated efforts and heavy losses.

Labor Begins War On Picket Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly born CIO Industrial Council last Friday night endorsed the campaign initiated by the AFL Central Labor Council against the anti-picketing ordinance placed on the November 2 ballot by the open-shop interests.

The AFL body announced setting up of a joint council of John F. Shelley, council president, as chairman; Dan Del Caro, Building Trades Council vice-chairman; Frank Brown, George Hollis, Lawrence Palacios, George S. Kidwell, James E. Ricketts, "Red" Ernst, John L. Spaulding, Fred West, Carl Barnes and Robert Scott.

The finance committee includes Frank Nixon, John Metcalf, John Maguire, Clarence King, treasurer; John A. O'Connell, assistant secretary.

The committee set up headquarters at 111 Sutter St., Room 1821. As soon as preliminary organization is completed, the CIO Council is expected to take an active part in combatting the anti-labor ordinance put on the ballot by the "Committee of 43" and other open-shop organizations.

Pomona Tile Co. Workers Strike

POMONA, Los Angeles County—Striking after months of effort to reach a peaceable agreement with their employer, workers of the Pomona Tile Manufacturing Co. left their jobs last week and were on picket duty at the plant. Between 200 and 225 of the approximately 300 employees were on strike.

The United Brick and Clay Workers Local 616, AFL, asks union recognition, closed shop and wage adjustments, with 50 cents minimum per hour for women and 55 for men. In general, a blanket increase of 10 cents an hour is demanded.

Transport Union
NEW YORK—In announcing its first annual convention, to be held in New York City the week of Oct. 4, the Transport Workers Union of America reported a growth from 14,000 to 27,000 members in the four months since it was chartered by the C.I.O.

Porters Lead Fight Of Negro Workers

Eight thousand members of one of the most exploited groups of wage-earners in the United States taste the pleasant fruits of organization this month. They are the Negro porters and maids aboard the Pullman cars which regularly streak across the nation from New York to San Francisco, New Orleans to Minneapolis.

Efforts of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters to secure an agreement were successfully concluded this month after two years of struggle. The agreement signed involves a wage increase of \$1,250,000 or a flat raise of \$12 a month to the entire membership.

Randolph Lauded
Tribute to this smashing victory, which includes many other excellent clauses, was being voiced this month for A. Philip Randolph, president of the most influential Negro union in the country, and his associates.

But the wave of organization which has been sweeping the nation has not found the Negroes backward in other sections of industry. With the rise of the CIO thousands of Negroes have taken active participation in union affairs which was denied them under the discriminatory rules in many AFL unions.

On the Pacific Coast large numbers of Negroes have taken active roles in the maritime unions, in particular in the Marine Cooks and Stewards. Many Negroes served in responsible positions on strike committees of the I.L.A., M.C.S., and other waterfront unions during the maritime strike of 1936-37.

L. A. Workers Win
In Los Angeles Negroes have not confined their economic ac-

MINOR REPORTS ON THE CHANGE IN SPAIN

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ting the trade unions of the UGT.

"Against this criminal policy the Communist Party fights and will fight with all its strength."

Calls for Fight
"It calls to the struggle against this policy not only the workers of the UGT, but the entire working class and all the forces of the People's Front."

"Whoever tries to break this unity must be fought as one fights the enemy."
The Communist Party, which at one time fought against attempts against the integrity of the CNT, today fights for the integrity of the UGT.

The response to the appeal has been remarkable.
Fragus Social, Valencia organ of the CNT and the anarchists, meets the proposal cordially and expresses its confidence that the CNT Executive will accept the proposal for a conference.

Protests to U. G. T.
Some newspapers of the Executive of the UGT remain intransigent, but a veritable flood of protests from UGT unions seems to be strong enough to overwhelm this opposition.

A singular light on the Spanish situation is thrown by the attitude of the petty-bourgeois Left Republican press, which unambiguously and warmly supports the unity movement among the working class organizations as indispensable to saving Spain from fascism.
Solidaridad Obrera, organ of

DANGER SEEN IN PHONEYS' SUIT

Sapiro Counsel in Action For Union Busting

LOS ANGELES—Attempting to fabricate a weapon to destroy democratic unionism, 15 disgruntled longshoremen are bringing a court action against the Longshoremen's Local 38-82, San Pedro, attempting to impose the treasury and restrain the union from entering the C.I.O.

Superior Judge Emmet J. Wilson issued a temporary restraining order against the union a week ago, preventing the union from doing anything toward affiliating with the CIO in accordance with the vote of its membership.

Strikebreaking
The case appeared before Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt on Friday and was continued until Monday.

"This is altogether too important a matter to risk a decision at this time," said Judge Schmidt.

"This suit is the most dangerous potential strikebreaking device yet invented," declared Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel.

If this suit wins, it means that any minority group in any union can tie up the union and its funds, according to Roy Donnelly, Local 38-82 President.

Attorney John C. Packard and Charles C. Katz are conducting the CIO defense.

Aaron Sapiro, who recently filed a suit against Harry Bridges, and who is representing the company union Screen Playrights in a suit against the Screen Writers Guild, is attorney for the AFL clique.

Local 38-82 several weeks ago voted to apply for a CIO charter.

Retrial of Douglas Sit'Downers is Set
LOS ANGELES—Retrial of the 23 sidown strikers at Douglas Aircraft was delayed last week until September 29. Superior Judge Ambrose will try the case.

Last time the case was tried, the jury was unable to reach a verdict after seven weeks. Originally 329 strikers were under arrest. Only the most active union members were weeded out for trial. The rest have been released.

Workers are urged to pack the court room.

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CHARGES HOLD BECK & AIDES LAWBREAKERS

Oakland Teamsters Band to Reassist Regime of Machine Puppets

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point Casey asked Schmidt how long he worked on the docks prior to 1934.

"Eight years," replied Schmidt. "How long has it been since you drove a team, Casey?"

"I drove a team 15 years," shouted Casey, but his further remarks were drowned out by his laughter.

Cheers Exchanged
The meeting broke up with the longshoremen giving cheers for their brother teamsters and the teamsters returning the cheers for the longshoremen.

The Longshoremen received their new CIO charter, Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union 1-10, which was installed at their Monday night meeting by Walter Mahaffey, District 1 executive board member. More than 2,500 members attended. The Warehousemen became ILWU 1-6.

The handful of Local 1-10 members who are leading a dual union movement for the AFL officials, were cited to the local grievance committee, which has the power to recommend their trial for expulsion.

In the run-off election, progressive John Schomaker and John Larsen were elected business agent. Disputes elected in the run-off were P. Aquilina, William Clark, Ed English, J. Sauer, Alex Waters and Charles Waugman.

Shipowners Act
Indicating the employers are getting ready to move in to help the Teamster officials against the ILWU, the Waterfront Employers Assn. sent a letter to the ILWU Local 1-10 protesting the "hardness of longshoremen in reporting for duty."

The Sailors Union of the Pacific meeting Monday night concurred in the minutes of the special meeting last week which stated its members would not respect the Teamster officials "picket lines," and went on record instructing its Portland branch that the AFL official "picket line" against the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America in respect to the W. R. Chamberlain Jr. lumber ship, was considered "phony" by headquarters branch.

Announcements by Edward Vandeleur that the State Federation of Labor was organizing warehousemen in San Francisco were laughed at by Warehousemen's Union officials, both in S. F. and across the Bay in Oakland.

"There are 1800 warehousemen in the East Bay and not a single legitimate warehouse worker has gone over to the AFL," declared Robert Moore, an Oakland Warehousemen's Union official, who would be in General Warehousemen's Union Local 864, Teamster affiliate, with headquarters at 536 Bryant St.

AFL Heads Flout Labor Board

LOS ANGELES—Displaying an open contempt for the National Labor Relations Board, American Federation of Labor officials failed to appear at Labor Board headquarters where a meeting was scheduled with leaders of the CIO.

Harry Bridges, Pacific CIO director, Roy Donnelly, president of the San Pedro longshoremen, and Francis Fetter, ILWU secretary were on hand for the meeting in Dr. Towne J. Nylander's office but the AFL representatives failed to put in an appearance.

No excuse was given for the failure to appear. Dr. Nylander said he would make another attempt in a few days to bring these groups together in an informal hearing.

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Schneiderman Says People's Need Is Communists' Task

"Daily" Held Possible Only If Every Party Member Raises Ten Dollars, Richmond Describes Policy

Fresh impetus was given the drive to build the Communist Party and a daily Western Worker when eighty-six delegates met Sunday at the State headquarters for a thorough analysis of the campaign.

Delegates included present members of the State Committee, County organizers, Western Worker Drive Directors, and leading active members. After seven hours deliberation, the conference decided: to accept the challenge of Illinois to retain for California second place in membership and dues payments, by raising the California membership to 4500 by November 7; each party member to contribute a day's pay to the drive; to inaugurate a state-wide mobilization during the week-end of October 30-31 with a special edition of 50,000 Western Workers in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the birth of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

FLEISHHACKER CHARGED WITH OIL SWINDLE

Kept Value of Property Secret From Owners, Testimony Contents

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he has made as to the names of the principals to whom these properties were being leased no answer had been received.

"I pointed out to him that in the correspondence exchange with Mr. Fleishhacker not only did Mr. Fleishhacker not mention these important discoveries but very definitely stated to the contrary that there had been no development in that district."

Investigation Begins
Mr. Lane hired an oil expert, Joseph Pague, to investigate the land and leases.

"We knew then that large leases had been made to the Indian Petroleum," Lane said. "We requested Mr. Pague to find out what was the Indian Petroleum. He wired information that the Indian Petroleum was a closed corporation composed of a group of wealthy California oil men for the purpose of acquiring Government leases and engaging in speculative oil ventures and that it was comprised of Herbert Fleishhacker, J. Pauson and a Mr. Briner I think."

More Revelations
Lane testified that he investigated Kern County records and learned that other property belonging to the family had been sold by Fleishhacker during the war and that this land was developed into oil land at the time.

"The result of all this information was that the field had been fully developed at the time the sales were made."
"I called Pague and found out we received \$3000 an acre for that land, which is less than the price of good farm lands."

"I found that the property had changed hands three times in two days and that its final purchaser was a company which had been formed eight days before the sale."

During these investigations Mr. Lane uncovered other shady dealings of Fleishhacker involving valuable Market Street property in San Francisco. The next issue of the Western Worker will reveal the details of this deal.

Call Issued for Functionaries Meeting

A special meeting of party functionaries, at which the matter of the Daily Western Worker and Party Building Drives will be taken up, has been called by the S. F. County Executive Board for Monday Night, October 4th, at 121 Haight Street.

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DOUBLE CROSS EACH OTHER AS FEATHERS FLY

Santa Cruz Cement Workers Victimized in Keen Scramble for Gravy

By a Cement Worker
SANTA CRUZ, Monterey County.—The boys in the local cement plant at Davenport were asking for organization. Some of the quarry men were talking CIO, and when the management got wind of it, they became jittery and contacted a few of their stooges and urged them to seek AFL affiliation.

Mr. C. H. Sutherland, business agent for the Hod Carriers & Building Laborers Union, was instructed by a representative of his international to proceed and organize the cement and quarry workers in the county—with the stamp of approval of Vandeleur.

Within a short period he had most of the boys within the fold of the AFL.

Split into Factions

The cement plant, with close to 200 workers involving several trades, were divided between the Macinists, Electricians, Carpenters, Teamsters, in purely craft lines. The bosses were delighted with slipping one over on the CIO, and so was Mr. Sutherland. The contracts were drawn up and presented to the employers with a request for a conference. The workers were assured by Sutherland that the contract was in the gunny sack.

The charter came, but no answer from the employers. Some of the quarry members became suspicious and began grumbling.

A Pal of the Boss

Mr. Sutherland got hot under his necktie and demanded a conference with the bosses, or else. When it became too insistent, the management informed him that they were dealing direct with a friend of theirs from the State Federation of Labor by the name of Mr. Nunnally (or Modesto), with the approval of Vandeleur.

Lo and behold, Mr. Nunnally calls a meeting of cement and quarry workers. Announcements of the meeting were posted all over the plant and the quarry, and trusted stooges were again busy convincing the men that Mr. Nunnally is the real article and he will do the trick.

Stoolies Picked

Four stoolies and three yes-men were picked to send for a federal charter, and when not many men responded, the bosses got busy and began urging the men to patronize Mr. Nunnally's outfit, and also telling them that he is the genuine McCoy and that Sutherland was an impostor.

Mr. Sutherland's blood pressure rose to 130 degrees, and he wired for a Mr. McGovern in San Francisco, acting as the district representative of the international.

McGovern arrived on the evening of the second meeting, intending to crash the gates of the meeting and pull the mask of the brothers from the State Federation of Labor. But everything went off peacefully. Mr. Nunnally exercised his American right of protection against intruders, and besides his two body guards, three burly police men were furnished him by our "law-abiding" chief of police.

Fakes Quarrel

When the boys began to assemble, Sutherland intercepted them in front of the hall and didn't mind any words about being double-crossed by Brother Nunnally.

He and McGovern were going to hold their own. Sutherland mounted the steps of the hall and began calling a spade a spade, to the embarrassment of Nunnally, urging the men to go home or come over to another hall for a real union meeting.

The competition was fierce until Nunnally promised to give McGovern the floor to explain his side of the controversy and invited the customers up to the hall. But once in the hall, McGovern was given just a few minutes and Sutherland, who did the organizing, was given the skids and was he sore. Especially when just a few days before, Vandeleur promised him no interference.

Why the Double-Cross

Why did Nunnally and Vandeleur double-cross their brothers? The men in the quarry and the plant know—you can't fool them and they are talking about it—a profitable understanding between the bosses and the fakers to foist a company union on the

How "Relief" Bosses Treat Jobless Women

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—The case of the Oakland mother who abandoned her baby, which we all read in the papers, reminded me of an applicant for relief, a young Spanish woman who was very good looking.

When the visitor saw her she told her, "If I had your looks I wouldn't come here to ask for charity."

To which the applicant replied: "I'm sorry you don't have my looks. You surely would have gone to town."

Mother Loved Baby

In the case of the mother who left her little girl in a parking lot, I wonder if the relief officials gave her the same sort of treatment? It is plain that this mother loved her baby girl. The fact that the Oakland doctor who examined the child claimed that the excellent health of the baby is due to the mother's care is proof of this.

Further, a few days before abandoning the child she asked the Oakland associated "charities" for help for her and the child. The doctor also stated that the reason the baby had not become ill while lying in the lot, was because the mother's caution in providing for it in a comfortable position. Fourteen pieces of laundered clothing were left with the child.

A Racket

All these little things prove that the mother no doubt lingered by the baby before abandoning it, and heaven only knows how much she suffered and is still suffering.

Like everything else under this system, the Associated Charities is a racket. According to a visitor in District 6 in San Francisco, the institution "stands in for the do everything possible to shun and ignore workers who make applications for relief as long as possible."

J. C. PENNEY GAVE ONE THIN DIME TO ORGANIZED LABOR

Other Ingewood Merchants Gave Generously to Strikers

By a Worker Correspondent
INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County.—In collection of donations for the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers' strike benefit, the merchants of Ingewood gave very generously.

The J. C. Penney's store was contacted and we were told they would give a "luncheon set" to be picked up later. When we went to get it, we were told by the manager, one Homer Lewis, that someone had mislaid it or put it back in stock but that he would contribute, for which we thanked him in our nicest way and our most pleasant voice.

Penney's Dime

We were carrying some placards on our arms, and he laid one thin dime on one placard. At first I couldn't believe my eyes, and for the first time in my life, I was speechless. Well, we walked out and into the next store and asked them if it really was a dime and not a penny, as we wanted to make sure.

This is to all workers: J. C. Penney's donation to organized labor was one dime. We made a large placard and glued the dime to the upper right corner, and wrote next to it that this was J. C. Penney's donation to organized labor. We made it very attractive and we put it where it received lots of attention and loads of comments.

The affair was Saturday night, September 18. Give us a write-up about it as I want to take it into Mr. Lewis and ask him to "laugh that off," when I hand him the paper.

On to a Daily Western Worker!

Office Workers' School

EVANSTON, Ill.—The Summer School for Office Workers has completed its fifth session on the Northwestern University campus. Forty students were in attendance, including members of the United Office & Professional Workers, the State, County and Municipal Workers, the American Federation of Government Employees, the Retail Clerks Protective Assn. and the Natl. Federation of Post Office Clerks.

workers, but not for long. Sutherland's hopes for increasing his salary by adding the cement workers to his union, is gone with the wind.

WPA WOMEN SITDOWN TO SAVE UNITY

Strike in Oakland to Halt Transfer of Union Foreladies

By a WPA Worker

OAKLAND—Resenting the attempts of the WPA sewing project superintendent to split their ranks by the shifting of friendly union foreladies, 40 women on the morning shift in the power machine division of the 19th and Livingston Sts. sewing project, staged a three and one-half hour sit-down strike on Wednesday of last week.

Fight Splitting Move

On the day previous the women had registered a protest with the division of operations against switching the foreladies of the morning shift to the afternoon, and the afternoon foreladies to the morning.

They were told bluntly by Mrs. Kristich, head of the Women's and Professional Division, that "the operations division have the right to shift their personnel any time or place they want, and it is no concern of the workers, so the order stands and will take effect in the morning."

A two-day delay pending a hearing was denied, so when the women went to work in the morning, they simply took their places at the machines and refused to touch a garment.

Work Pending Parley

Later the District Director, Mr. Walter Koeltz, granted the demand for an interview and conferences were arranged for both shifts on Friday. The women then took a vote and decided to return to work pending the outcome of the conferences. On August 27, 180 women heavy duty power machine operators were given a reduction in pay from \$65 to \$55 per month. On this issue the project had set up a project committee with representatives and job stewards from the two shifts at 19th and Livingston and the group at 19th and Harrison Sts.

Organized 100 Per Cent

The women were organized 100 per cent and the shifting of the foreladies was designed to break this unity, as they had assisted a great deal in unifying the women.

The workers had made frequent complaints against the project supervisor for inefficiency and favoritism. She tried to pit each shift against the other, saying that each shift had complained about the low production of the other, and she also attempted to say that the complaints had been lodged by the job stewards against the foreladies, thus desperately attempting to split the workers.

Alliance Support

When that did not work, they attempted the switch which resulted in the strike. The Alameda County Workers Alliance is backing these workers, cannery superintendents and other workers connected with the salmon canning industry complaining of the activities of Japanese floating canneries and reduction plants off Unimak Pass near the Bering Sea.

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THE SINGLE-ARCH concrete span at Bixby Creek, near Del Monte, California, is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. It links the new Carmel-San Simeon road on the route between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Eventually it will form part of the all-seacoast highway from Canada to Mexico.

AFL SULTANS CHARTER DUAL CANNER LOCAL

Vandeleur Tries Same Old Tactics in "Raid" on Alaska Workers

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Mr. Ed. Vandeleur's latest major attempt to break the bona fide Alaska Cannery Workers Union through the so-called "Feliciano-Duhagon-Gonzales" labor fakers' clique, was the issuance of a charter about two months ago to a phoney union composed mainly of drunks, ex-scabs, and ex-members of the Alaska Fish Cannery Workers Union, who were expelled for anti-union activities.

This phoney Vandeleur union is known as the Alaska Fish Cannery Workers Union, Local 21161, with headquarters at 1421 Mason St.

M. Z. Lozano, flunkie of Mr. Mayer, well known labor racketeer, is general organizer, and is mailing "cards of invitation" to members of the bona fide ACWU whom he can trust, which ask them to remain "loyal" to the AFL.

He bases his appeal on the grounds that the ACWU is now conducting a referendum on affiliation to the CIO. Messrs. Vandeleur and Bonzales hate the CIO because it is a democratic industrial organization.

Unions Fight Japan Encroachment

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Ever since the commencement of the 1937 salmon fishing season in the Bristol Bay District of Northwestern Alaska, a steady stream of dispatches has been coming in from fishermen, cannery workers, cannery superintendents and other workers connected with the salmon canning industry complaining of the activities of Japanese floating canneries and reduction plants off Unimak Pass near the Bering Sea.

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'Great Men'

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER (1839-1937)

By a Worker Correspondent

When Rockefeller died, this earth Resounded to his praise and worth, And the hosts of heaven began to sing For a lubricant for an angel's wing, And the devil begged our John to sell An oil for the furnaces of hell.

Oh what a heavenly place to be, Just him and God and monopoly.

—D. W.

JOBLESS DENIED RIGHT TO WAIT IN PUBLIC OFFICES

Worker Protests and is Threatened by Employment Official

By an Unemployed Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — At the federal employment office this morning all of the men standing around were ordered out of the lobby of the employment office and told that they could not stand around the place.

They are always telling the unemployed that if they had been there a while ago they would have had a job for them, so I can not see how they expect you to get any jobs when they order everyone out of the place. When they ordered me out, I told them that I might just as well take my jack-knife and kill myself when freedom gets so rotten that you can't even stand around in a public place.

At this the attendant was going to call the cops and have me taken to the can, but I handed him my jackknife and then he gave it back to me and set me free.

"Superiors" in Marin County

By a Workers Correspondent

SAN ANSELMO, Marin County.—I'm up in the Red Woods sticks now, a few little villages scattered along the electric Northwestern Railway line up here, from where commuters go back and forth to the city of San Francisco.

Lots of them are anxious to exploit and capitalize a lot of them read the Chronicle every morning trying to figure out who is going to be the next victim of their exploitation. They classify themselves as "S-u periors."

In spite of the fact that they have plenty of money, most of them trade in San Francisco to get their things cheap. They are very reactionary and their women are either maudlin sentimentalists or movie star adonis admirers.

As for the jobless, there is no hangout as everybody keeps moving, either hunting for a job or looking for someone to exploit.

WORKERS ARE "BETTER MEN"

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN ANSELMO, Marin County.—I passed an enclosed glass sign the other day in which I read these words: "We will never have a better world until we have better men."

The only good people to me are those who realize that they are struggling for shorter hours with full value for their work, who are struggling for a classless labor producing and sharing all wealth.

HOUSEWIFE TELLS POOR CONDITIONS FOR ARIZ. LABOR

Cites Discrimination Against Negro and Mexican Workers

By a Housewife

LOS ANGELES—Some of the conditions I observed in a recent trip to Arizona:

In Flagstaff Workers laboring ten hours for \$2.36 in the lumber mills, so tired at night they could hardly walk home when they go off their shift.

Jim-Crowism

Negro-Discrimination: One Negro worker had to lift railroad ties which it took two white men to do. They have separate schools for Negroes and Mexicans.

In Clarkdale, Jerome and Cottonwood: Private jobs are taken away from Mexicans who are not citizens of the United States and at the same time they are denied relief. Those who are eligible for relief get \$6 every two weeks for a family of three.

Kids Undernourished

Diseases caused by undernourishment are prevalent. My brother has nine children; all are undernourished. A sister-in-law of mine has eight children; four of them have pyorrhea in their teeth, and all the friends that I know personally are in the same condition.

There are no SERA or WPA doctors, only private doctors to whom these poor workers cannot go.

I personally appeal to all readers and sympathizers of the Communist Party to join our ranks and help better these conditions and build a Daily Western Worker for happiness, progress, liberty, and a Farmer-Labor Party.

Relief Cut

The conditions here in Arizona are just as bad as they are anywhere else. The last two months the relief here has been cut down to sure starvation.

Amounts for two people from \$15 to \$18 a month for living and rent.

And the pension in this state is sure a farce. They are paying the old people anywhere from \$15 to \$25 a month, but the most of them get the lower amounts and are made to wait three and four months to get that.

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CIO Expelled With Regrets By Kern AFL

Labor Council Unanimously Votes for Fraternal Delegates From the Three Unions Affected

By a Worker Correspondent

BAKERSFIELD—CIO unions of Kern County were expelled—with regrets—by the Central Labor Council last week. The vote carried with only four delegates opposing it, following a recommendation from the Council's executive committee that such action was necessary to protect the Labor Temple and other property owned by the council.

A warning was received, it was stated, that the council's charter would be immediately jerked unless CIO unions were barred from the organization. Three unions are affected by the ouster move, the Oil Workers Union, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, and the Agricultural Workers Union.

Fraternal Relationship

Immediately following the expulsion vote, a motion carried unanimously to invite CIO unions to send fraternal delegates to all future meetings, with voice, but without vote.

Delegates and officers expressed regret at the expulsion and warmly praised the activities of the CIO in this area. Continued, though unofficial cooperation between CIO and AFL was promised by spokesmen from both groups.

With a membership of over 1,500, the CIO unions represent approximately half the strength of the organized labor movement in Kern county. In addition they represent the three basic industries of the county and as such have been an important factor in establishing many AFL unions in this locality.

Jobless Suffer After Slash in Arizona Relief

By a Worker Correspondent

PHOENIX, Ariz.—I am sending you a clipping from the Arizona Republic of September 19—you can see by this how conditions are in Oklahoma as well as all other parts of the south. This is a sample of our "free" America.

(The clipping reports forced labor in the cotton fields, under threat of arrest by the sheriff in Okemah, Oklahoma. Workers Correspondence Editor.)

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I like to hear through the "Western" about other workers who are interested in building such clubs and who intend to build such clubs.

Boycott Hearst

Let us put the shoulder to the wheel, comrades, and help build the "Western," not only into a daily but into a huge mass paper with a circulation as large as the stinking Hearst press.

Boycott the Hearst press and build the labor press!

ARIZONA AFL MEET OBEYS WM. GREEN

Condemns CIO But Stated Best Wishes for CIO Smeltermen

By a Workers Correspondent

PHOENIX, Ariz.—At the 1936 annual convention of the Arizona State Federation of Labor a resolution passed condemning the AFL and its executive council for its suspension and mistreatment of the unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The State Federation at its convention this year, adjourned at Miami, today, reversed its attitude and passed a resolution supporting the AFL and its executive council, and condemning the CIO.

Best Wishes to CIO Miners

However, the convention expressed sympathy for and best wishes to the local unions of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO affiliate, suspended from the State Federation of Labor by orders from William Green of the AFL.

The delegates opposed the efforts of the Arizona Municipal League in attempting to hold up

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

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East Bay Teamsters In Open Rebellion Against Dictatorship

RANK AND FILE TO BACK DOCK MEN IN CRISIS

Issue Bulletin Calling for Action Against Beck And Real

OAKLAND—"We members of the union are the only ones who should make decisions that affect the entire membership. We demand that a referendum be taken on all important questions, and that all decisions of the executive board be subject to the approval of the membership in regular meetings."

With these words a rank-and-file group of teamsters here last week threw down the gauntlet to Charlie Real, East Bay Teamster Union Czar. The quotation is taken from a Teamster Bulletin issued in the name of the Rank-and-File Committee.

Getting Wise to Real The union has not met for the past five months. Real is attempting to enforce the blockade against the stevedores and warehousemen, and the membership of his union is getting wise to him.

Regarding the waterfront situation the Bulletin says: "Brother Teamsters, let us take a candid camera shot of the struggle and strike confronting the waterfront. As we all know, the struggle has thrown hundreds of teamsters out of work in the Bay Area. You may be working steadily today, but will you be working tomorrow?"

"The NLRB has passed a ruling that the ILWU has complete jurisdiction over the warehousemen. Who in hell is the 'Czar' to defy the U. S. Government? Any time the big shots think the rank and file teamsters are going to fight the rank and file of the ILWU they are sadly mistaken. We have been and always will be on the friendly terms."

"How long are we going to sit back and let the big shots take us out of our jobs? Did we vote 'no' on this lockout?"

Play Dave Beck "It is no battle for better conditions but the 'Czars' (Dave Beck) idea to show his strength. This is the first time we have heard of picketing your own union. Sending trucks back to their barns unloaded is our conception of cutting off our noses to spite our faces. Have we any beef with another good union member? No. The 'Czar' would love to have us go around punching noses. If Czar Beck wants noses punched let him do his own punching."

The rank and file teamsters demand democracy in their union. They demand a plug board system of hiring similar to that under which longshoremen are dispatched, and that the draymen be forced to hire through the union hall and not off the street as is the practice now.

Culinary Workers Score Vigilantes SAN FRANCISCO—"Unity of labor is the paramount need and democracy must prevail in labor unions if the interests of the workers are to be protected," declares a resolution adopted last week by the Culinary Miscellaneous Employees Local 110, protesting the beating of President John Shelley of the Central Labor Council and others at the recent State Federation of Labor convention.

The resolution demanded an immediate investigation of "these undemocratic vigilante tactics against workers, and that those responsible be brought to punishment and expelled from the ranks of labor."

NMU Certified as Bargaining Agency WASHINGTON—The National Maritime Union has been certified as exclusive bargaining agency for all unlicensed seamen employed by the International Mercantile Marine Shipping Lines, now known as the United States Lines, by the National Labor Relations Board.

The NMU recently won a board election by an overwhelming majority.

P. O. Clerks Convention TOLEDO—The convention of the Natl. Federation of Post Office Clerks approved a legislative program including a court of appeals for postal clerks, seniority by legislation or regulation, liberalization of the retirement act and elimination of part-time employees.

Business Agent Bob Says

A BROTHER reported the following conversation as having taken place in a service station, when Mr. Richswitch drove in in a \$10,000 jalopy. Worker: "Fill up your tank?" Richswitch: "No, it's full." Worker: "How about your oil?" Richswitch: "No, it's okay." Worker: "Need a little air in your tires?" Richswitch: "No, they're full." Worker: "Water in your radiator?" Richswitch: "There's plenty." Worker (in exasperation): "Well, then, what can I do for you?" Richswitch: "Stick out your tongue, please. I want to paste this postage stamp on a letter."

DAVE BECK'S 'WAR' FLOPS IN EAST BAY

He Bit Off More Than He Can Chew, Declares Robert Moore

OAKLAND—Dave Beck's war against the Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union for control of warehousemen has completely bogged down in the East Bay, according to Robert Moore, Warehousemen's Union organizer, here.

Reports that large numbers of warehousemen had deserted to Beck's dual union were branded as false by Moore.

Unrest and dissatisfaction of the members of Teamsters Local 70, were cited as principal causes for the breakdown of the Teamster officials campaign.

"They've bitten off more than they can chew," he declared. "They can't get the support of their own rank and file. There are more longshoremen at work now than before. The only ones out of work are the teamsters."

Referring to prevalence of citizens' committee schemes persistently put forth by employer interests during the 1934 and 1936-37 maritime strikes, Moore commented on the significant absence of such offers in the present situation, which, he said, indicated the close tie-up between open-shop interests and Teamster officials in the present controversy.

PASS IT ON!

When you get through reading this issue, let your fellow-worker or next-door neighbor read it. Then ask him or her or a subscription. Get in the big drive to build up the "Western" circulation!

Foe'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

A FEW DAYS ago Mr. Arthur Caylor, who writes a wise-cracking column for the San Francisco News, ended his daily effort with a querulous query the gist of which was, "What's going to happen on the waterfront?"

Mr. Caylor should stay uptown and continue to give us the inside dope on the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Rossi's latest choice for secretary. Every time he comes down to the docks Mr. Caylor gets his feet wet.

It's too bad, too, for our Mr. Caylor can write some very clever pieces about garbage disposal and exposition sites. We hate like the devil to have him turn sour on us like this.

"Leaders" and Leaders BUT MR. CAYLOR should know that there are labor "leaders" and labor leaders. Dave Beck is a "leader." He hires thugs to slug and shoot and threaten those who don't see Mr. Beck's side of it.

Harry Bridges could have a beef squad too—but it would consist of volunteers and would be thousands strong. People on the waterfront see in Bridges a policy. They see in him a leader of the rank and file. They remember that he turned down a \$50,000 shipowners' bribe in 1934. So Bridges wouldn't have to pay anyone ten bucks a day if the time came when he needed protection from Beck's muscle-men.

The second thing that Mr. Caylor should know is that approximately 75 per cent of the Maritime Federation already has voted to affiliate to the CIO and that another possible 20 per cent is favorably inclined toward the CIO. This rather places the AFL and Mr. Beck behind the eight

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE SEEKS UNITY

Will Map Plans to Defeat Anti-Labor Activities Of Dave Beck

SEATTLE—The Northwest Labor Unity Conference will convene at Eagle's Aerie Room, 7th and Union Sts., here next Sunday, October 3, to take up a four-fold program as stated in the official call issued by the Seattle Labor Unity Council, as follows:

1. To defeat Dave Beck.
 2. To maintain Labor Unity.
 3. To preserve democracy in the ranks of organized labor.
 4. To outline a program of joint political action against such unholy political alliances as that between Beck and Mayor John F. Dore of Seattle.
- The call declares Beck's threat of a West Coast or nation-wide tie-up of cargo is an act of desperation intended to stampede unsuspecting and uninformed trade unionists.

Both AFL and CIO unions are asked to send delegates.

Plan CIO Council In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—Preliminary plans for setting up a CIO Industrial Council were made at a meeting here recently, attended by delegates from the Warehousemen, Steel Workers, four Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers locals, and two United Cannery Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers locals.

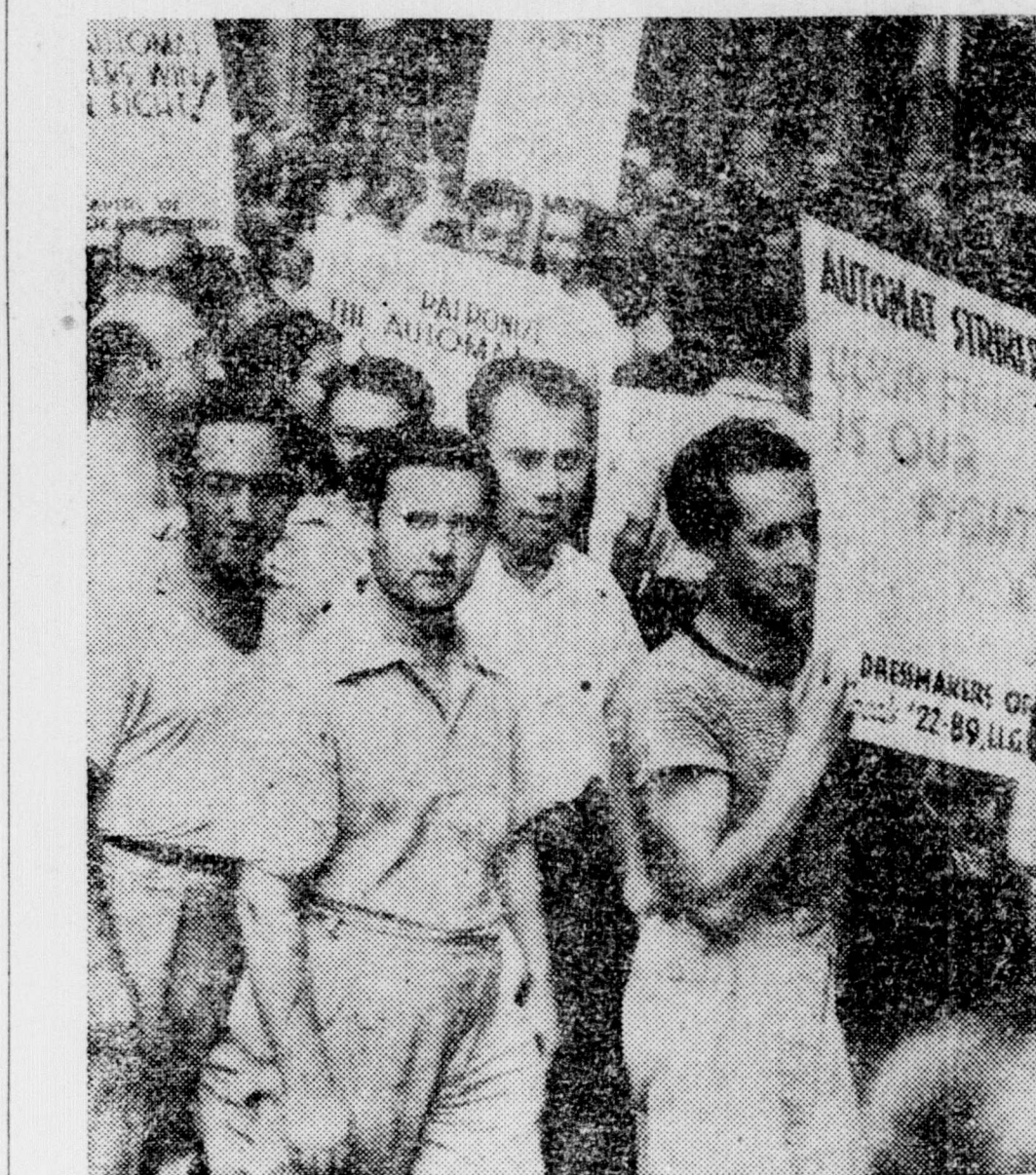
Another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 28. Formal application for a council charter awaited receipt of credentials from other locals.

Blast Green's Hope For Guild Split

WASHINGTON—AFL President Green's hopes to split the CIO American Newspaper Guild received a shock here when the Washington Guildsmen urged Guild members to defeat Green's attempt to set up a dual union. Signed by local delegates who opposed CIO affiliation at the Guild convention, the Guildsmen charged Green is attempting to use newspapermen as "cannon fodder" in his war against the CIO.

Every "Western" Reader Be a "Western" Staff-Member!

Picketing the Automat



WHEN THESE boys and girls who work behind the shiny compartments where you drop your nickels and pull out your lunch grew tired of the low wages, speed-up and espionage of the company, they found willing supporters among the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. Shown here is picketing patrol of workers from several New York unions.

OAKLAND NEGRO BARBERS MOVE TOWARD UNIONIZING

Unions and the National Negro Congress Assist in Organizing

OAKLAND—Negro barbers in Alameda County will soon be organized and working under union conditions, it was predicted following a meeting here recently, called by the Barbers Union and supported by Dining Car Employees Union Local 456, Dining Car Local 465, Pacific District of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and the Labor Bureau of the East Bay Council, National Negro Congress.

Alex Waters, Labor Bureau chairman and Longshoremen 38-79 members, spoke on breaking down racial barriers in the labor movement. I. P. Flory, National Negro Congress local secretary, scored the AFL leadership for their failure over the years to give consideration and assistance to the unorganized workers.

"The National Negro Congress," declared Flory, "intends to fight all forms of discrimination against Negro workers in the trade union movement and will support all progressive trends that mean equal opportunity and organization to the Negro worker."

C. Newman, Barbers Union business agent, spoke on the value of unionism to the Negro barber. Walter Taylor and Bennett Wilcox pledged support of the Dining Car Employees.

During discussion the barbers showed definite interest in being organized and a number of them signed up. Another meeting was called for September 30, when C. I. Dellums, Sleeping Car Porters International vice-president, will be the featured speaker.

Georgetown Miners Nab Pinkerton GEORGETOWN, El Dorado County—When a letter from the CIO Labor Herald asking why the bill for papers wasn't paid, was read, in the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Local 338 recently, the members were puzzled because they had never received any papers.

Paul DeVine, who was a member of the publicity committee, was seen leaving the meeting very unobtrusively. Some miners followed him to the bunk house, where he took a bundle from under his bunk. He took the bundle into the woods and began digging.

Stop Firing and Talk Shop, Shipbuilders Tell US Navy Bosses VALLEJO—"It costs Uncle Sam \$150 an hour for me to meet with you," the commandant of the Mare Island Navy Yard snapped at the company union "Shop Committee" here at a "conference."

But mathematicians in the Industrial Shipyard Workers Local 19, figured out how the commandant could meet as frequently as he wanted with the committee and still save money.

Every time a high-ranking navy-official visits the Island the government fires off no end of shells at \$25 a pop.

When Assistant Secretary of the Navy Edison visited here last month the Commandant fired off 17 charges at an overall expense account of \$425.

Local 19 feels that the Commandant might more profitably hold three meetings with the shop committee at that cost and let it go with just shaking hands with the Assistant Secretary.

Marine Engineers Win Strike on Morgan Line NEW YORK—Edward Drollette, district organizer of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn., announced the Morgan Line had accepted all union demands, ending a strike on the line's nine vessels.

DINING CAR UNION SEEKS PAY RAISE

Clarence Johnson Declares CIO Aids Negro Labor To Organize

(Local 456 Press Release) OAKLAND—Clarence R. Johnson, general chairman of the powerful Dining Car Employees Union Local 456, arrived here last week to enter negotiations with the Western Pacific and Southern Pacific for wage increases for dining car employees. In an address before Local 456, Johnson, relating observations from a recent trip that took him to every major center in the country, declared that Negro workers more than ever before are on the move to organize and better themselves economically, socially and politically. The responsibility for this, he ventures, has been the stimulus given the labor movement by the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Scores AFL Heads Johnson also scored the unscrupulousness of some AFL leaders who would stop at no end to injure the labor movement through their undemocratic and un-American procedure.

Turning to the local struggle with the S. P. an W. P. Johnson said the union would fight to make the recent five cents per hour increase granted non-operating railroad groups applicable to them. This, he declared, these companies will resist. Johnson also hailed the coming National Congress of Dining Car Employees recently initiated by the local union in conjunction with the Omaha group, as a move designed greatly to strengthen this group of workers on a national scale. The conference is scheduled for October 25-28 in Omaha.

Urge Support to Hawaii Dockers

SAN FRANCISCO—All organizations affiliated with Maritime Federation District Council No. 2 are urged to donate funds to assist the striking Port Allen Waterfront Workers' Assn., affiliated to the Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor, in a letter issued by Z. R. Brown, council secretary.

The Port Allen longshoremen went on strike on the Island of Kauai last August 7. More than 800 men, women and children are affected and are badly in need of food and shelter, as they have been evicted from the company houses and are now camping at the very places where the 17 Filipino plantation workers were murdered in 1923, states the District Council letter.

CIO Maps Aid for Northrup Strike

LOS ANGELES—Mobilization of all possible forces for support of the Northrup Aircraft strikers was the main question before the local Industrial Council last Monday night, voting to wire immediately to the International United Auto Workers of America, asking fuller financial support for the strike.

Pointing out that aircraft was a key industry in the CIO drive here and that the whole force of the Merchants & Manufacturers' Assn. was being directed against the union, President Charles Hollinshead of UAW Local 229 made a stirring plea for the strikers.

Plan for Victory A special executive board meeting was set to map out plans for bringing the strike to a successful conclusion.

Appellate Court Aids M&M in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—The Merchants & Manufacturers' Assn. was helped out by the Appellate Division of Superior Court here last Wednesday, when the court upheld the Beverly Hills anti-picketing ordinance.

Maybe for these cabbagees, Sapiro will sue the "Western" who knows? Incidentally, he is attorney also for Harry Lundberg, anti-CIO secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

"THE National Labor Relations Board is the home of the CIO," frothed Edward D. Vandeleur, at the State Federation of Labor convention in Long Beach.

"We believe they (Labor Board) favor the CIO and are not giving the independent union a fair deal," said one Clay C. Rittenhouse, secretary of the "League of Independent Unions" in Los Angeles last week.

When you know definitely what you already suspected, that this "League" is a setup of company unions, you can draw your own conclusions as to who are Vandeleur's masters.

Easy to Predict

ALL OVER the country the open-shop forces are mobilizing against the Wagner Labor Relations Act and its administrative body, the Labor Board. And if you know what the open-shoppers' campaigns are, you can predict with the exactitude of a micrometer what Vandeleur and the other so-called "labor leaders" of the AFL are going to do from Wm. Green on down to the lowliest foreman-stooge of Vandeleur.

Red-baiting, attacks on progressive labor legislation, labor splitting—all these stunts that are right down the bosses' alley, are being performed by Green, Frey, Voll, Vandeleur, Dave Beck, John P. McLaughlin, and on down the line.

Will make a prediction right now—you will yet see these gentlemen leading a "back to work" movement in the name of the American Federation of Labor.

But the employers are increasingly finding the usefulness of these stooges has its limit—more and more workers see behind the masks.

On Wrong Foot

IN DEFENSE against the anti-labor Board attacks, NLRB Trial Examiner Rollin McNitt got off on the wrong foot down in Los Angeles, when he said that the "inevitable result" of the "inevitable dispute" between the AFL and CIO would be the hamstringing of the whole labor movement through government control and incorporation of unions.

To cite this warning while making a plea for peace and unity, is to raise a false issue. While no one would be surprised to see Green & Co. come out for incorporation of unions some day, to help out the employers once more, apparently McNitt doesn't understand who wants incorporated unions and who doesn't.

The rank and file of the AFL will join hands with their CIO brothers to fight incorporation of unions to the limit, as they are joining hands in common struggles all over the country. The rank and file workers are building unity, over the opposition of the AFL officials and the bosses in combine.

The way to defend the Wagner Act is to unite all forces for its defense, and to expose those who attack it, as did an NLRB representative in the Northwest when he played Teamster Czar Dave Beck and stated: "Beck doesn't believe in granting any rights whatsoever to CIO unions."

CIO Cleaners to Sue AFL Officers

SAN FRANCISCO—Incidents of violence and coercion by reactionary American Federation of Labor cleaners and dyers "leaders" will be added to the legal bill of complaints to be filed on a coastwide scale against AFL officials, including Teamster heads, the CIO United Cleaners and Dyers revealed last Thursday.

The remnants of the AFL dual union, led by Chester Vientot and abetted by Teamster officials, have repeatedly used force and violence against bona fide union members, Emil Rabin, business agent of the local, charged.

The suit against AFL officials will be directed on civil and criminal grounds. It will be handled by Gladstein, Grossman and Margolis, CIO attorneys.

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SMALL OWNERS MOVE TO BACK CIO CLEANERS

Drivers Irlked by Teamster Czars' Meddling, Pass Through AFL 'Lines'

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK SAN FRANCISCO—Small businessmen have taken a "affinity stand alongside the Committee for Industrial Organization in the latest development of the cleaning and dyeing industry struggle here.

"Over 150 small shop-owners attended a meeting at the Eagle Hall," declared Emil Rabin, CIO United Cleaners & Dyers business agent. "They find that their business suffers from the lack of an organization to defend themselves against the chain shop owners."

CIO Sentiment

Small operators were once organized, but Edward Vandeleur, state federation of labor secretary, instructed central labor bodies to refuse recognition and the organization was broken up.

Although they took no conclusive action at the meeting, Rabin added, "sentiment seemed every strong for some type of organization allied to the CIO."

A committee of 23 was elected by the small businessmen to investigate further organizational procedure.

"A Fraud" Meanwhile, Rabin branded press reports that the "Allied Retail Cleaners Assn." had refused to enter any small shop-owner agreement with the CIO, as "a fraud."

"That organization was dissolved over a year ago," he declared scornfully. "Someone got hold of their stationery and wrote letters to the papers on it. The president of the former organization has himself repudiated the action."

Attempts by Chester Vientot, discredited AFL official aided by Teamster heads, to set up a dual union seemed likely to boomerang, Rabin declared. Drivers organized under the AFL Teamsters, are becoming increasingly angry at interference by international Teamster officials.

Oppose Joe Casey William Connolly, drivers secretary, was reported standing firm against orders by Joseph Casey, international official, to pass through no AFL picket lines, whether bona fide or not. In one plant "picketed" by goon squads, the employer, I. Goldberg called an immediate election by his employees. When they voted by an overwhelming majority to remain in the CIO he drivers declared the picket lines illegal and went through them. This drew down the wrath of Casey and his fellow teamster officials.

When Vientot attempted to picket the plant personally, he became embroiled in the legal fight against him. On Goldberg's complaint, was arrested for disturbing the peace. He is at present at large on bail.

CIO Office Workers Aid AFL Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO—Latest developments in the nine weeks' old strike of typewriter mechanics of Machinists 68, AFL is an offer by the CIO United Office & Professional Workers Local 34 to throw full moral support behind the typewriter men.

"This is the surest way of disproving employer propaganda that there is a 'fight to the finish' between the AFL and CIO," declared Ernest Norback, UOPWA organizer.

Strike Solid And as for the typewriter men, "We're still going strong," John Mueller, head of the strike committee, told the Western Worker. The typewriter men are striking against the "big five," Remington-Rand, Underwood, L. C. Smith-Corona and Royal, and two subsidiary houses, American Writing Machine Co. and Wholesale Typewriter Co., demanding a 40-hour week, closed shop, seniority and \$150 minimum for mechanics.

Vote Down Offer So far the companies have made two offers. "The last one was for a \$140 minimum—and that would be the maximum, too," Mueller added. "We only voted that down 65 to 4." The CIO Office Workers asked their members to inquire of all typewriter repair men who came into their offices whether they were members of the union, and to exert all possible moral pressure on them.